Offensive Play Chart

atlanta falcons

	RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	B	QT	# ON DICE
10	OFF 15	9	DEF 5	OFF 15	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	58	12*	10
11	B	OFF 15	DEF 15	7	INT − 6	INT 4	OFF 15	OFF 15	50	39	20*	11
12	DEF 5	DEF 15	3	DEF 5	20*	1	DEF 15	DEF 15	OFF 15	38	13	12
13	FUM	OFF 5	1*	FUM 15	OFF 15	OFF 15	11*	10	OFF 5	37	10	13
14	14	12	OFF 5	6	OFF 5	OFF 5	QT	12	INT 26	48	11	14
15	OFF 5	B	B	OFF 5	DEF 15	DEF 15	QT	11	24	46	8	15
16	DEF 15	18	7	DEF 15	18	1	QT	20*	DEF 15	45	7	16
17	18	DEF 5	FUM	5	25	15	OFF 5	OFF 5	43	55	2	17
18	6	8	5*	15	2*	PI 6	6*	25*	55*	43	9	18
19	3	15	18*	B	8*		PI 16	PI 14	23	53	3	19
20	6	10	15*	1	15	2	35	19*	PI 41	50	12*	20
21	11	7	13	4	5*	1	8*	14*	QT	44	7*	21
22	4	FUM	2	7	QT	10	17	QT	TD	29	5	22
23	3	4	OFF 15	5	1	7	QT	15	QT	26	4	23
24	2	1	1*	2	QT	QT	QT	QT	QT	25	6	24
25	2	1	6	2		QT	QT	QT	QT	30	3	25
26	2	6	1*	8		4				33	2	26
27	3	2	11*	1	5		15*	17	32*	35	1	27
28	5	3	9	8	12	2	30*	18*	37	36	FUM − 3	28
29	3	1	10*	2	FUM	FUM + 8	FUM + 17	FUM + 15	FUM + 24	60	14	29
30	7	6	8*		6	6	13*	16	22*	40	14	30
31	3		7	3	4	8		INT 16	QT	28	11*	31
32	1			4	3	9			QT	24	5*	32
33		5	4	1	3	8				20	FUM − 8	33
34	5	3	3	1	1					21	9	34
35	1	2	2*							TD	8	35
36	1	2	5	3	10	5		QT	QT	23	5	36
37	4	4	4*	6	2	6	19*	QT	QT	27	10	37
38	8	1	3*	10	7	9	21*	13	20	42		38
39	9	3	5*	12	7	3	25	22	27	22	17	39

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SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... The Falcons have begun to turn on their tormentors. Since entering the league, Atlanta has been a badly abused underdog. But there are signs of change. A completely revamped line makes the offense competent, although still not fearsome. For the most part, it is a straight forward attack that runs right at the defensive line. The big backs, however, are less productive running wide. The Falcons don't waste time on some of the more complex plays, such as the draw and screen. Their passing is handicapped by very poor pass protection. When given time, their quarterbacks have a good record completing short and long passes. Also, their passes are not intercepted often, especially when going long. A quick cure for the passing would be better pass protection, as can be attested to by their passers, who all too often find themselves scrambling to avoid tacklers.

Defensive Play Chart

atlanta falcons

		RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS					
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
DEF. PLAY	# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	# ON DICE
A STANDARD 4-3-4	1		1			1		2		3	1
	2	1	1	1		1					2
	3				2	1	9				3
	4	1	1			2					4
	5				4				16	INT 30	5
B PASS PREVENT 3-5-3	1	1	4	3	1	1		2		3	1
	2	1	3	3							2
	3	2	1	1		2	9				3
	4	3	1			2					4
	5		5	5	2					INT 35	5
C DOUBLE COVERAGE 4-4-3	1	1	2			1				3	1
	2	1						3	10		2
	3	3		2	1	2		13			3
	4			2	4	2			17	40	4
	5		2	1	1				16	INT 33	5
D SHORT YARDAGE 6-1-4 or 7-1-3	1					1				3	1
	2				1			3	10		2
	3	2	1	1	3		9	10	15	30	3
	4	1			7	2				TD	4
	5	1	1	2	5				TD	INT 36	5
E PARTIAL BLITZ	1	1	2	2	2	3					1
	2	2	2	2	1			2			2
	3	3	3	4	6	1	9		5		3
	4	2	2			1	3	QT	QT	QT	4
	5	1	1	1	3			16	40	30	5
F FULL BLITZ	1	2	3	3	3	5		2			1
	2	3	3	3	2						2
	3	6	6	8	10	2	9	QT	QT	QT	3
	4	3	3	4	4	4	9	17	20	35	4
	5	2	2	2	2				TD		5

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SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... The defense is characterized by both strengths and weaknesses. The strongest point is the play at middle linebacker and the weakest is the inside rush. Generally, the pressure on the passer comes from the defensive ends. Overall, the Falcons are inept at containing the running play. It is the defensive tackles that opposing runners constantly test and find lacking. The value of the outside rush is more apparent against passes. Pressure from this position is reflected in a fast improving pass defense. This is, of course, relative. The coverage still remains inconsistent. The defensive backs are competent, particularly on long passes, where they intercept frequently. But it is the quick turn-in on short passes that the Falcons find difficult to defend against.

Offensive Play Chart

baltimore colts

	RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	B	QT	# ON DICE
10	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	OFF 15	OFF 15	OFF 15	OFF 15	DEF 15	55	FUM −6	10
11	8	1	5	7	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	OFF 15	50	7*	11
12	10	1	OFF 5	5	DEF 5	DEF 5	7*	18*	29	44	2	12
13	7	OFF 5	14*	3	OFF 5	OFF 5	QT	QT	37*	40	1	13
14	OFF 5	OFF 15	7*	OFF 5	7*	5	QT	QT	OFF 5	37		14
15	1	FUM	FUM	2	6	5	40	19	32	35	1	15
16	9	8	1*	20	9	INT 2	12*	30*	40*	48	3	16
17	FUM	9	8*	FUM	FUM + 3	FUM + 5	OFF 5	OFF 5	46	46	10	17
18	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	15	PI 1	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	42	12*	18
19	B	15	18	B	INT − 3	33	PI 13	40*	26	60	15	19
20	13	B	B	1	QT	QT	18	20*	27*	27	5	20
21	5	2	4*	10	2*		9*	18	INT 41	TD	3	21
22	5	1	9	16	1		10*	PI 14	PI 26	28	5*	22
23	6	7	4*	7		9	8*	14	INT 23	27	5	23
24	4	6		6		8	15*	INT 15	22	29	12	24
25		2	4			6		15		26	11	25
26		2	1*	8		11		12*		30	10*	26
27	1	2	12*	9	8	5	25	16*	21	28	2	27
28	2	12	10	12	10*	10	11*	11	25	33	4	28
29	OFF 15	10	8*	OFF 15	2	18	FUM +16	FUM + 18	FUM + 22	26	3*	29
30	1	3	3	2		5	35	17	TD	24	7*	30
31	1	1	OFF 15	14	4	INT 8			QT	25	7	31
32	2	3	6	2	2	4				24	6	32
33	3	3	7	1	4	7				22	8*	33
34	3	4	5*	3	5					21	8	34
35	2	5	2	4	3					20	9	35
36	2		3		1	3				23	10	36
37	1	1	1	5	3		16*	13	QT	25	4	37
38	1	5	6*	1	6	1	14*	10	24*	23	13	38
39	3	1	3*	1	12	15	45*	TD	20	22	14	39

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... The Colts' offensive unit is showing the effect of the advancing age of some of its stars. The offensive line is still doing an excellent job of protecting Colt quarterbacks, but the older passers and wide receivers are no longer connecting on the many dramatic long passes, which were a Colt trademark only a few years back. Baltimore still completes a good percentage of their short and medium passes, although an unusual number of their short passes are intercepted. The Colts' running attack has fallen way below their former standard. Lack of an outstanding fullback hurts the Colts when they try to pick up crucial first downs by running through the line. As opposing teams concentrate their defense against passing, the Colts go to their draw play, which is still a very effective weapon. Reduced backfield and offensive line mobility also hurts the Colts on end runs and has made their attempts at screen passes usually futile.

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Defensive Play Chart

baltimore colts

		RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS					
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
DEF. PLAY	# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	# ON DICE
A STANDARD 4-3-4	1		1		1	1					1
	2			2		1					2
	3		1			9	6				3
	4	1			3	20			14	33	4
	5	2			1			16			5
B PASS PREVENT 3-5-3	1	1	2	3	2	2					1
	2	1	2								2
	3	1		1	2	8					3
	4	3			5	20	6				4
	5		5	5	1						5
C DOUBLE COVERAGE 4-4-3	1	1		1		2					1
	2		1	2	2			5	10		2
	3	2	1	2		8					3
	4	3		2		20		15	17	40	4
	5	2	1					16	20	33	5
D SHORT YARDAGE 6-1-4 or 7-1-3	1	1	2	1						31	1
	2							5	10		2
	3	2	3	1	1	10		13	15		3
	4	1	2		10	20			14	TD	4
	5			1	3			16	TD		5
E PARTIAL BLITZ	1	1		2	3	2					1
	2	1	1	1	1						2
	3	3	4	4	4	11	2	5	13	QT	3
	4	2	1		3	23	6	QT	QT	33	4
	5	3	1	1	2			19	QT	35	5
F FULL BLITZ	1	2	1	3	4	4					1
	2	2	2		2				QT	QT	2
	3	6	7	8	8	12	6	QT	20	35	3
	4	4	2	4	7	26	6	20			4
	5	1	2	2	3			17			5

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... The defense has some strong features but in totality it is only average. The rush line is satisfactory and works well with the linebackers. It is a sophisticated defense that stunts more than blitzes. Generally, the Colts are strong against the running game, particularly off tackle and the end run. But they pay a penalty for the all out rush and are frequently caught short when a draw or screen pass is called. The primary defense failure is in the secondary, where the alertness of past years is missing. They are slow to see the screen develop, and they lack the cohesion to make their complex pass coverage system work. The Colts have trouble defending against a good passing attack, regardless of the type of passes attempted.

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Offensive Play Chart

boston patriots

	RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	B	QT	# ON DICE
10	DEF 15	10	16	DEF 15	30*		QT	INT 11	24	28	1*	10
11	4	7	11	5	18	10	30	25	21	28	5*	11
12	3	4	18*	14	16	20	12	21*	50*	27	FUM	12
13	OFF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	OFF 15	14	INT 6		PI 15	QT	29	12	13
14	B	B	14	B	1		25	INT 18	TD	40	3	14
15	7	9	10*	13	2*		20	16	26	47	4	15
16	9	4	6*	10	INT 3	15	15*	19	44	25	2	16
17	12	7	9	9	OFF 5	OFF 5	OFF 5	OFF 5	OFF 5	42	2	17
18	18	11	6*	2	6	PI 8	PI 11	QT	28	26	3	18
19	3	12	7	1			INT 14			27	4	19
20	2	2	1*	2	12	3	10*	17	38*	55	*	20
21	2	1	9	7	25	1	16*	15*	DEF 15	38	5*	21
22	6	5	1	4	QT	4	OFF 15	OFF 15	OFF 15	32	13	22
23	2	4	OFF 15	3	3	5	DEF 15	DEF 15	INT 49	34	12	23
24	3	5	*		6	4	QT	14		TD	12	24
25	4	1	1	6	5	6		13*	22	50	11	25
26	4	4	1*	1	3	6	17*	11		36	11	26
27	4	6	OFF 5	12	DEF 15	DEF 15	19*	10	32*	TD	6	27
28	DEF 5	FUM	DEF 5	DEF 5	OFF 15	OFF 15	DEF 5	DEF 5		30	FUM − 8	28
29	FUM	3	FUM	FUM	FUM + 8	FUM + 5	FUM +12	FUM +16	FUM +29	48	15	29
30	2	OFF 15	7	11			14*		PI 35	23	14*	30
31	OFF 5	OFF 5	B	OFF 5	9		9*			23	9*	31
32	2	2	3	5	4	7		12		24	10	32
33	3	3	4*	1		9				21	10	33
34	5	2	5	2	2	8			QT	22	7	34
35			2*	3	7					20	8	35
36	1	1		4	5			QT		TD	11	36
37	1	3	2	1	7*		11*			45	9	37
38	3	3	3	2	8	QT	13*		INT 26	24	13	38
39	1	DEF 5	4*	8	DEF 5	DEF 5			DEF 5	26	14	39

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SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... The Patriots are basically a running team. Led by a star fullback, they attempt more line plunges and draw plays than any other team in pro football and gain a good portion of their yardage through this inside ground game. Their outside running game is not used as often nor is it as effective. The blocking that gives the Patriots their good inside rushing also provides consistent pass protection. However, the lack of a topnotch quarterback prevents the Patriots from capitalizing on this protection. The Patriots have some success at completing short passes but the longer the pass attempt the less likely the chance of success. This ineffective passing attack even extends to the screen, depriving the Patriots of the best counter to an opposing pass rush.

Defensive Play Chart

boston patriots

		RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS					
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
DEF. PLAY	# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	# ON DICE
A STANDARD 4-3-4	1		1		1	1		4			1
	2	1	1			1		2			2
	3			1	1	1	5		13		3
	4									33	4
	5		1		1					INT 35	5
B PASS PREVENT 3-5-3	1	1	4	3	2	2		4			1
	2	1	3	2				2			2
	3	2	1	2	3	2	6				3
	4	2			2						4
	5		6	5	1					INT 37	5
C DOUBLE COVERAGE 4-4-3	1	2	1	1	1	2					1
	2	1			1				10		2
	3	1	1	1		2			14		3
	4	1	1	1	1			12		32	4
	5			1	1					38	5
D SHORT YARDAGE 6-1-4 or 7-1-3	1				1				16	30	1
	2				1						2
	3	2	1	1				10	4		3
	4	2	1		7		4		14	TD	4
	5	1							TD	INT 33	5
E PARTIAL BLITZ	1	1	2	2	3	2					1
	2	2	2	1	1						2
	3	3	3	3	3	1	6	2	13		3
	4	1	1			3	2	QT	QT	QT	4
	5	1	2	1	2			14	18	45	5
F FULL BLITZ	1	2	3	3	4	2			16	35	1
	2	3	3	2	2						2
	3	6	6	7	7	2	6	QT	QT	QT	3
	4	2	2	4	4	10	6	14		INT 36	4
	5	2	3	2	3	12			TD		5

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SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... Boston's defensive problems stem from weaknesses in the defensive line and linebacker. This combination results in the Patriots having a uniformly poor defense against rushing both inside and outside, and in having a mediocre pass rush. The defensive backs, considering the pressure on them, perform acceptably. They manage to intercept long passes frequently although they allow a high proportion of completions against them. Against short and medium passes, the coverage is inconsistent and frequently breaks down, particularly when the front four are giving the opposing quarterback too much time to spot an open receiver and throw.

Offensive Play Chart

buffalo bills

	RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	B	QT	# ON DICE
10	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	FUM + 6	FUM + 5	FUM +11	FUM + 17	FUM + 27	48	15*	10
11	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	49	10	11
12	12	11	15	11	25*	OFF 15	OFF 5	OFF 5	OFF 5	43	FUM	12
13	3	B	9*	18	OFF 5	OFF 5	3*	15	24	35	1	13
14	1	7	5	5	12	INT 5	5*	18*	21	30	9	14
15	8	5	3*	16	20	9	8	17	30*	32	8	15
16	14	4	B	9	4*	10	17*	INT 16	QT	45	3	16
17	B	8	6	10	16	25	20	TD	27	47	12	17
18		18		12	9*	INT 9	INT 15	INT 18	50	46	13	18
19	9	10	B	14	5	PI 5	PI 18	PI 12	45	44	11	19
20	10	9	14*	8	2		12*	INT 14	35	27	12*	20
21	1	2	OFF 15	3	1	2	13*	14	40*	34	1*	21
22	FUM	1	FUM	15	1	3		13		27	2	22
23	3	5	OFF 5	13	OFF 15	6	QT	12		26	4	23
24	3	1	8*	5	3	9				TD	FUM –10	24
25	1	1	5	4	8	7				24		25
26			4*	6	QT	1		10	INT 23	25	3	26
27	1		1	2	QT	8	18		INT 29	36	4	27
28	2		1*	4	5*	QT	19*	QT	OFF 15	41	15	28
29	OFF 15	OFF 15	10	OFF 15	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	42	7	29
30		FUM	2	FUM	11	7	OFF 15	OFF 15	INT 38	24	6*	30
31	OFF 5	OFF 5	3	OFF 5	2	QT		16*		28	2*	31
32	4	2	1	2	3			QT		23	5	32
33	2	6	7	1				QT		50	13	33
34	2	4	6*				QT		QT	22	8	34
35	6	3	2*	1	10				QT	20	6	35
36	5	3	4	3	8	4			QT	21	7	36
37	7	2	11	2	6	5	15*	11		29	10	37
38		3	13	3	7	5	14*	19	TD	38	11	38
39	1	14	12	7	14		10*	20*	PI 29	40	5	39

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... The Bills' offense is dependent upon their running backs, yet the rest of the unit needs considerable improvement. The offensive line has enough mobility to enable Buffalo to have a very strong outside running game. They are somewhat less effective running to the inside but still manage to pick up consistent yardage. It is when trying to pass that the Bills really suffer. The offensive line gives the quarterbacks little protection and none of the Buffalo quarterbacks has yet shown major league passing accuracy. The Bills also need more good receivers. The result of these weaknesses is a totally inadequate passing attack, especially on long pass attempts. Their best chance for gaining yardage through the air is on medium range passes.

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Defensive Play Chart

buffalo bills

		RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS					
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
DEF. PLAY	# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	# ON DICE
A STANDARD 4-3-4	1					2				3	1
	2		1	1				7			2
	3				1	23					3
	4									37	4
	5										5
B PASS PREVENT 3-5-3	1	1	3	3		1				3	1
	2		1	3	1			4			2
	3	2	1	1	1	23					3
	4	2	1		2			3			4
	5		2	5	1						5
C DOUBLE COVERAGE 4-4-3	1	2				1				3	1
	2							5	10		2
	3	1	1	2	1	23		6		30	3
	4	1		2				20	18		4
	5		2		2			QT		QT	5
D SHORT YARDAGE 6-1-4 or 7-1-3	1		1			2				32	1
	2	1	1	1	1	2		10	6		2
	3	2	2		2	24		16	16	4	3
	4	1	2		7				QT	TD	4
	5	2			1			QT	TD	QT	5
E PARTIAL BLITZ	1	1	1	2	2	2				3	1
	2	1		2	1			7		36	2
	3	3	3	4	5	28	1			QT	3
	4	1	1			6		QT	QT		4
	5	1	1	1	1	10		20	12		5
F FULL BLITZ	1	2	2	3	3	2				3	1
	2	2	3	3	1	2		8		QT	2
	3	6	6	8	8	27	3	QT	QT	28	3
	4	2		4	4	12		20	17		4
	5	2	2	2	2	15			TD	TD	5

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SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... The Buffalo defensive unit is strong but aging and lacks sufficient speed at a few key positions. The experienced front four and linebackers have a good record for stopping inside rushing attempts, particularly off tackle and draw plays. However, opponents are able to run around the Buffalo ends successfully. Lack of outside speed also makes the screen pass a formidable weapon against the Bills. Good cornerbacks and linebackers make the Buffalo defense against short and medium range passes effective even though the pass rush is just ordinary. Their defense against, long passing is inconsistent and the Bills are often beaten by long aerial bombs. This weakness often nullifies the success of the Buffalo defense against short yardage plays.

Offensive Play Chart

chicago bears

	RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	B	QT	# ON DICE
10	OFF 15	3	18*	OFF 15		16	14*	25	35	50	3*	10
11	10	3	15	7	15	INT 8	25	PI 13	45*	40	4	11
12	13	2	7	12	14*	8	15*	20	24*	38	20*	12
13	5	1	10*	10	12	9	INT 9	INT 17		36	1	13
14	1	OFF 15	12	6	10*		13*	INT 13	INT 42	34	2	14
15	OFF 5	OFF 5	11*	OFF 5	8	INT 3	OFF 15	10	OFF 5	32	12	15
16	16	DEF 5	OFF 15	8	OFF 5	14	OFF 5	10*	OFF 15	39	15	16
17	DEF 5	8	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 15	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	43	25	17
18	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 5	QT	DEF 15	DEF 15	PI 22	48	9	18
19	B	17	2	B	INT 2	20	PI 16	30*	TD	41	30	19
20	3	9	B	1	20	12	20	18*	QT	42	13*	20
21	FUM	FUM	B	FUM	7	5	12*	11*	29	24	5	21
22	4	6	OFF 5	8	5	1		14	22	30	3*	22
23	6	2	FUM	5	3	6			QT	26	5	23
24	1	7	*	4	2	10	QT	QT	QT	25	2	24
25	1	2	2*	3	5	7	QT	QT	QT	24	1	25
26	7	1	1	7	1	6		OFF 15	QT	29	9	26
27	8	10	3*			4	10*	OFF 5	20	23	6	27
28		12	5	2	1	PI 5	6	17	32*	45	8	28
29	5	14	4	15	FUM + 2	FUM + 5	FUM + 17	FUM + 13	FUM + 30	46	4	29
30		6	3*	1	6*	OFF 5	QT	16	INT 28	22	10	30
31		5	6	6	OFF 15	OFF 15	QT	13	QT	28	*	31
32	4	5	4*	2	4	3		QT		23	8	32
33	2	4	5	1	3	QT				TD	10*	33
34	3	3	3							21	13	34
35	3	1	1	1	QT					20	7	35
36	1	3	7*	2	2	2				22	6	36
37	2	4	9	3	4	5	8*	12	QT	27	12	37
38	5		8	4			11*	15*	26	55	14	38
39	5	B	13*	5	25	DEF 15	18	QT	DEF 15	47	FUM − 5	39

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... The Bears' offensive problems can be traced to a chronic failure at quarterback complicated by a shortage of capable receivers and then compounded by inferior pass protection. And things can't get any tougher than that. In general, the passing is ineffective and what little success they do have throwing comes on short and medium range patterns. Meanwhile, the screen is mediocre and there is a strong probability that long passes are almost guaranteed to fail. Fortunately, the running is as good as the passing is bad, and by comparison, this puts the running attack up with the best in the league. A pitchout or a wide sweep is Chicago's best chance at a long gain or even a touchdown, and the runners are nearly as dangerous going off tackle. With scrambling quarterbacks who rarely drop back into the pocket to pass, the Bears almost never use the draw play.

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Defensive Play Chart

chicago bears

		RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS					
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
DEF. PLAY	# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	# ON DICE
A STANDARD 4-3-4	1		1			3		3		3	1
	2					1	3				2
	3				2	1					3
	4	1	1	1	1	7				31	4
	5	1	1		1			QT	QT	QT	5
B PASS PREVENT 3-5-3	1	1	2	3	1	2		3		3	1
	2		2	2	1		3				2
	3	2	1	1	3	2					3
	4	3		1	2	7					4
	5	1	2	5	2						5
C DOUBLE COVERAGE 4-4-3	1	1		1		2		3		3	1
	2	1					3	5	10		2
	3	1	1	2	2	2					3
	4	2	2	1		7		18		40	4
	5	2	1		4	QT	QT			31	5
D SHORT YARDAGE 6-1-4 or 7-1-3	1	1	2			4		3		30	1
	2				1		3	5	10	3	2
	3	2	2		1			15	15		3
	4		3		8	7				TD	4
	5	2	1	3		QT		QT	TD	QT	5
E PARTIAL BLITZ	1	1		2	2	5		3		3	1
	2	1	1	1	2						2
	3	3	3	4	2	1		5	5	QT	3
	4	2		1	1	10		QT	QT	30	4
	5	2		1	2	QT	QT		QT	35	5
F FULL BLITZ	1	2	1	3	3	7		3		3	1
	2	2	2	2	2				QT	QT	2
	3	6	6	8	6	2	2	QT		34	3
	4	3	1	5	5	13					4
	5	3	1	2	3	QT	QT	18	TD		5

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SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... At one time the Bears were noted for their savage defense, but of late other teams have enjoyed the luxury of paying back old scores. They can't take too many liberties, though, for Chicago's linebacking, particularly in the middle, is very strong. This excellence declines rapidly and the talent at some positions is minimal. As a result, it is the linebacking that plugs up the hole, shoring up the defense against running plays and falling back quickly to help out on pass coverage. For the most part, the Bears fall victim to clever ball handling. Frequently, Chicago defenses are caught unaware by screens and draws and are slow to react to flat passes and crossing patterns. The Bears' secondary is also often beaten by long passes, despite help from a generally good pass rush.

Offensive Play Chart

cincinnati bengals

	RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	B	QT	# ON DICE
10	18	12	3*	6	INT 2	20	PI 20	PI 17	INT 50	44	12*	10
11	10	2	14	4	10*	3	6*	12	50*	42	15*	11
12	B	3	B	12	6	8	5	17*	45	36	7	12
13	FUM	FUM	DEF 5	FUM	OFF 15	OFF 15	7*	INT 18	OFF 5	26	FUM −12	13
14	13		10	10	3	10	50*	18	INT 35	48	21	14
15	7	1	6*	9	23	1	25*		35*	38	5	15
16	6	4	12*	8	TD	4	OFF 5	OFF 5	40*	30		16
17	8	16	13	5	DEF 15	DEF 15		19*	PI 36	31	18	17
18	15	10	4*	1	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	37	12	18
19	9	7	4		7	2	INT 13	20*		33	25	19
20	5	5	8	2	5		4*	16	38	32	13*	20
21	4	9	2*		12		20*	11	27*	55	3*	21
22	5	2	1	11	3	3		10		29	9	22
23	4	OFF 5	7		25*	2	8	QT		45	7	23
24	3	5	11	7	4	9		15*	TD	TD	3	24
25	3	3	9*	5	2					50	4	25
26	1	6	OFF 5	1	7	INT 5	OFF 15	OFF 15	OFF 15	27	FUM +6	26
27	2	8	4	3	15					28	10	27
28	4	14	1	1			DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	34	14	28
29	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	FUM +9	FUM +5	FUM +12	FUM +17	FUM +26	35	FUM −5	29
30	OFF 5	1	FUM	OFF 5	OFF 5	OFF 5	16*	14	24	24	1*	30
31		1	16*	2	20	8	QT	QT	QT	40	1*	31
32	2	4	5	3	5	6	QT	QT	QT	24	8	32
33	2	4	4	2		7		13		22	2	33
34	1	2	3*	1	6	5	QT		QT	21	5	34
35	1	2	2	4	QT	QT			QT	20	6	35
36		3	5*	4	4				QT	23	11	36
37		1		1	2			QT		25	10	37
38	OFF 15	OFF 15	OFF 15	OFF 15	8		10*		21	23	9	38
39	DEF 5	DEF 5	8	DEF 5	3*	1			32	22	2	39

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SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... Cincinnati's offense features a very explosive backfield behind a weak offensive line. Pass protection is the biggest weakness of the Bengals but fortunately they have a scrambling quarterback who can often evade tacklers and record sizable gains even when the offensive line has failed to do its job. Good receivers and a quarterback who seems able to throw a long pass from almost any position combine to give Cincinnati a very dangerous long passing game. The inclination of opposing linemen to chase the quarterback enables the Bengals to make the screen pass an effective weapon. Surprisingly, Cincinnati has trouble trying to consistently complete medium range passes. The team's speed permits an effective outside running attack with frequent breakaways for long gains. The rest of the rushing attack is mediocre and the Bengals find it difficult to pick up short yardage by going through the line. Overall, Cincinnati has an explosive and exciting, though inconsistent, offense.

Defensive Play Chart

cincinnati bengals

		RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS					
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
DEF. PLAY	# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	# ON DICE
A STANDARD 4-3-4	1	1	2	2	1	1					1
	2			1		1					2
	3			1	1	1					3
	4	2	1		1		6			35	4
	5		1				5				5
B PASS PREVENT 3-5-3	1	2	5	5	2	2					1
	2		2	3							2
	3	2	1	2	3	2					3
	4	4	1		3		7				4
	5		6	5			6				5
C DOUBLE COVERAGE 4-4-3	1	3	1			2					1
	2				2			4	10		2
	3	2	1			2				34	3
	4		2				7	14	18		4
	5		1		2		6				5
D SHORT YARDAGE 6-1-4 or 7-1-3	1			1	1					37	1
	2	1	1	1	1			5	8		2
	3			2				11	16		3
	4	2		1	8					TD	4
	5	1			1		8		TD		5
E PARTIAL BLITZ	1	2	3	4	3	2					1
	2	1	1	2	1						2
	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	5	5		3
	4	3	2		1	3	5	QT	QT	36	4
	5	1	2	1	1		6	17	20	QT	5
F FULL BLITZ	1	3	4	5	4	2					1
	2	2	2	3	2		2			QT	2
	3	6	6	7	7	2		QT	QT	35	3
	4	4	3	4	5	10	8	17	20		4
	5	2	3	2	2	12	5		TD	TD	5

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SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... Cincinnati's defense needs help. A mediocre pass rush plus a defensive secondary that is particularly weak against long passes means that the Bengals' offense is always under pressure to try to score more points than the defense is likely to yield. While the pass defense is particularly poor against long passes, it is only somewhat better against short and medium passes. As Bengal linebackers drop back to help the secondary or blitz to help the pass rush, the defense against rushing becomes extremely vulnerable. This is especially true toward the outside where opposing teams often pick up consistently good yardage. The rest of the defense against rushing is almost as bad with the result that many teams can control the ball and score against the Bengals without even exploiting Cincinnati's pass defense.

Offensive Play Chart

cleveland browns

	RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	B	QT	# ON DICE
10	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	20*	25*	55*	47	2	10
11	OFF 15	18	5*	OFF 15	30*	15	OFF 15	OFF 15	DEF 5	60	3	11
12	FUM	DEF 5	OFF 15	1	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	OFF 15	55		12
13	1	9	OFF 5	10	OFF 15	OFF 15	OFF 5	OFF 5	OFF 5	50	1	13
14	OFF 5	OFF 5	B	OFF 5	OFF 5	OFF 5	25	16	28	43	3	14
15	2	8	10	9	3	1	14*	15	26*	38	7	15
16	2	10	DEF 5	14	15	3	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	48	3*	16
17	15	12	12	11	8	40	9*	PI 17	PI 27	46	2*	17
18	DEF 5	OFF 15	6	DEF 5	10	2	8*	30*	45*	41	1*	18
19	2	13	15	B	40	PI 7	PI 13	35*	27*	44		19
20	1	B	18*	20	12	12	10*	19	24	45	7*	20
21	9	7	2	8	5*		QT	QT	32*	36	14	21
22	6	2	4	3	2	4	QT	QT	QT	28	13	22
23	2	4	3*	1		4	17		23	24	12*	23
24	2	2		5	3	8		12*	22	23	11*	24
25	5	2	3	5		7		11	21	22	10*	25
26	6	3	9*	6				10	QT	27	2	26
27	2	6	6	3	1		13*	18*	TD	34	4	27
28	4	15	13*	16	20*	1	16*	20*		29	6	28
29	B	FUM	FUM	FUM	FUM + 4	FUM + 4	FUM + 17	FUM + 14	FUM + 21	49	6*	29
30	2	1	1*	2	QT	QT	19*	INT 15	INT 24	32	5	30
31	7	1	8	2	INT − 1	INT 6		16	QT	26	8	31
32	1	4	4*		6	6			INT 38	21	12	32
33	4	5	2	1	7					TD	11	33
34	3	3	1*	3	4					TD	FUM − 10	34
35		1	5	2	5					TD	10	35
36	3	1	4	4	4	5				20	FUM − 3	36
37	1		7*	4	2	9	18*	15		25	9	37
38	3	2	2*	7	6*	10	12*	17	38*	30	9*	38
39	11	3	11	18	25	25	30	22	35	40	1	39

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SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... The Browns are always a contending power, emphasizing a well-balanced offense. The running is usually capable and at times, brilliant. This is a result of a happy combination of a solid offensive line and clever running backs. Although somewhat less a threat than in previous years, the key to the ground game is the sweep. Partly as a result of defenses concentrating on Cleveland's end run, the off tackle and the draw are now their most effective running plays. The passing concentrates on the deeper patterns. The wide receivers are fast, run well-disciplined routes, and have the range to make this play successful, although the Browns have many long passes intercepted. Good protection greatly aids their passing game. Sideline and screen passes, once an important part of the Browns' offense, have not been effective recently.

Defensive Play Chart

cleveland browns

		RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS					
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
DEF. PLAY	# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	# ON DICE
A STANDARD 4-3-4	1			1	1	4		2		2	1
	2		2	1		4					2
	3		1	1	1						3
	4	2		1		3			14	32	4
	5	1		2	1			QT	QT	INT 35	5
B PASS PREVENT 3-5-3	1	2	4	4	2	6		2		2	1
	2		4	3		3					2
	3	2	2	2	3						3
	4			1	2	2					4
	5	1	5	6	1						5
C DOUBLE COVERAGE 4-4-3	1	1	2			6				2	1
	2					3		3	10		2
	3	2			1						3
	4	4	2		4	2		13	17	40	4
	5	1	1		1	QT	QT		20		5
D SHORT YARDAGE 6-1-4 or 7-1-3	1			2	1					2	1
	2	1			1			3	10	30	2
	3	2		1				10	15		3
	4		1	1	7				14	TD	4
	5		2	1		QT		QT	TD	INT 32	5
E PARTIAL BLITZ	1	1	1	3	3						1
	2	1	3	2	1	2		2			2
	3	3	2	3	3		1		13	QT	3
	4	3	1	1				QT	QT	33	4
	5	2	1	3	2	QT	QT		QT	INT 28	5
F FULL BLITZ	1	2	2	4	4			1	QT		1
	2	2	4	3	2	1				QT	2
	3	6	5	7	7		3	QT	20	40	3
	4	5	2	5	4						4
	5		2	4	3	QT	QT	17		INT 30	5

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SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... The Browns' defense is a clever construction of one of pro football's leading tacticians. It is not overpowering. In fact, at times it appears to be badly beaten, yet it is resilient and has the ability to come up with crucial plays. The fortunate faculty comes from well-coordinated linebacking which easily double covers dangerous receivers. Medium and long passes can often be completed against the Browns, but the secondary in part atones for their failure with frequent interceptions of long pass attempts. The concentration is on pass defense and pressuring the quarterback. The Browns are extremely good at shutting off the screen pass, another result of well-coordinated linebacking. All this is at the expense of containing the running game. Often, good rushing teams make impressive gains inside and wide, and find they are able to control the ball for long periods of time by exploiting this defensive weakness.

Offensive Play Chart

dallas cowboys

	RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	B	QT	# ON DICE
10	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 15	41	5*	10
11	OFF 15	DEF 15	17*	OFF 15	DEF 5	DEF 5	20	INT 15	DEF 5	48	6	11
12	FUM	OFF 5	DEF 15	FUM	1	7	18*	INT 13	OFF 15	47	12*	12
13	2	FUM	OFF 5	12	7*	8	DEF 15	DEF 15	OFF 5	38	7	13
14	OFF 5	3	OFF 15	OFF 5	5	10	OFF 5	OFF 5	23	37	9	14
15	1	3	FUM	B	2	INT 6	14	18*	22	45	8	15
16	10	3	15	16	30*	INT 3	17*	19	44*	42	10	16
17	14	OFF 15	8	11	18	1	19	25*	24	43	1	17
18	DEF 15	15	4	DEF 15	7	PI 9	25	PI 17	27	49	TD	18
19	4	B	12	19	INT −2	20	PI 15	30	38	46	20	19
20	2	2	10*	2	5*	9	16	10		33	8*	20
21	7	7	13*	10	4		10*	13	30	40	2*	21
22	8	9	B	9	3		9*	14	28*	27	3	22
23	1		5*	4	QT	QT	8*	17*	INT 25	26	11	23
24	3	8	7*	7	1	4	QT	16	QT	25	10	24
25		1	2	6	3	5		15	QT	30	9	25
26	9	2		8	4	OFF 5			26	28	13	26
27	1	2	3*				QT		35*	50	14	27
28	16	1	6	3	25	15	15*	11	PI 35	29	1	28
29	B	12	5	4	FUM +10	FUM +7	FUM +12	FUM +16	FUM +28	44	17	29
30	2	3	9*	3	2*	1	QT	12	20	56	7*	30
31	1	1	8		OFF 5	OFF 15	OFF 15	OFF 15	QT	TD	12*	31
32	5	5	3	1	OFF 15	8			QT	24	4	32
33	2	6	1*	3	14					23	5	33
34	6	2	6	2						22	7	34
35	3	4	1	5		7				21	6	35
36	4	5	2	2	16	6		QT		20	8	36
37	4	4	4	1	20	3	12*	QT	TD	35	FUM −7	37
38	1	3	11	1	10	9	13*	QT	55	60	3	38
39	12	10	4*	13		2	11*	20*	50*	53	9	39

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SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... The attack is focused on the long pass or its threat, and this is very real indeed. Dallas' deep receivers are superb on long gainers. This blends very well with one of the soundest running games in pro football. In rushing, the Cowboys are consistently good but the real strengths are line plunges and draws at which the Cowboys excel. It is a balanced attack that moves the Cowboys' multiple formations. Defenses against the Cowboys often attempt to shut off the inside running and double team the deep receivers. Also, an intense pass rush can prove most effective due to the inconsistency of the Cowboys' pass protection.

Defensive Play Chart

dallas cowboys

		RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS					
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
DEF. PLAY	# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	# ON DICE
A STANDARD 4-3-4	1	1	1		1	1		2		6	1
	2		1	1		1					2
	3			1	1	1					3
	4	1									4
	5	2			1	QT		QT		QT	5
B PASS PREVENT 3-5-3	1	1	2	3		2		2		6	1
	2		1	1	1						2
	3		1			1					3
	4	2			1						4
	5	1	5	5							5
C DOUBLE COVERAGE 4-4-3	1			1	1	2				6	1
	2		1	1				3	10		2
	3	2	1	3		1					3
	4		1	2	3			13	14		4
	5	1			1	QT	QT	QT	QT	40	5
D SHORT YARDAGE 6-1-4 or 7-1-3	1	2	2	1	1					6	1
	2		1		1			3	10		2
	3	2	2		2	1		10	17	30	3
	4	3	2	2	7						4
	5	2		2	2	QT	QT	QT	QT	TD	5
E PARTIAL BLITZ	1			2	1	2				6	1
	2	1			1			2			2
	3	3	3	5	5	2			5		3
	4		1			3	3	QT	QT	QT	4
	5	1	1	1		QT	QT	16	QT	QT	5
F FULL BLITZ	1	1	1	3	2	4				6	1
	2	2	1	1	2				QT	QT	2
	3	6	6	9	9	3		QT			3
	4	1	2	4	4	6	9	17	20		4
	5		2	2	1	QT	QT	QT	40	TD	5

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SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... The heart of the Cowboys' defense is a mobile corps of linebackers who drop back rapidly to help on pass coverage and are just as quick to seal off against end runs. In general, Dallas has the most effective defense in the league against all types of rushing. This is in large measure due to the alertness of the linebackers. The team, however, is not as outstanding against passing. The rush line is sound but passers still often find time to exploit weaknesses in the Cowboys' secondary, primarily at cornerback. The lack of talent at this position, coupled with the failure of the rest of the pass defense to compensate, makes them vulnerable in definite areas. Opposing scouting reports recommend lots of screens and sideline patterns. In fact, everything short of the deep patterns where the safeties are strong is recommended.

Offensive Play Chart

denver broncos

	RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	B	QT	# ON DICE
10	FUM	11	8	FUM	5	INT 8	7*		45	22	16*	10
11	2	B	18*	14	2*	20	20		INT 25	47	5*	11
12	7	10	10	12	35	4	8	19*	INT 50	TD	8	12
13	10	3	FUM	2	1	5	2*	PI 13	INT 40	29	9	13
14	8	3	B	6	15	10	18	18	35*	26	6	14
15	2	3	5*	5	12	8	13	16*	30*	26	2	15
16	4	FUM	7*	7	30*	6		16	TD	60	7	16
17	B	9	15	13	6	15	4*	DEF 5	DEF 5	42	10	17
18	DEF 15	DEF 15	2	DEF 15	7	PI 10	PI 15	10	PI 30	38	12	18
19	11	15	13*	8	INT	25	INT 12	20	27	33	18	19
20	4	DEF 5	DEF 5	1	8	5		10	50*	30	*	20
21	2	3	B	3	2*	3	10*	12	25	50	2*	21
22	5	8	2*	4	10	9		17	QT	21	7	22
23	6		1	2	17	QT	OFF 5	OFF 5	QT	24	7	23
24	4	6	1*	1	20	8	15*	QT	QT	TD	5	24
25	2	3	2	1		6	11*	QT	QT	20	5	25
26	OFF 5	1	9*	OFF 5	9	4		15		24	1	26
27	2	2	12	10	DEF 15	DEF 15	9*	INT 14		55	10	27
28	1	OFF 5	OFF 5	2	QT	OFF 15	QT	INT 11	DEF 15	45	13	28
29	OFF 15	OFF 15	OFF 15	OFF 15	FUM + 7	FUM + 5	FUM +13	FUM + 16	FUM + 28	37	FUM − 5	29
30	2		1	2	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	11	20	35	11*	30
31	1	7	6*	B	3	7	5*	13	40	28	2*	31
32	3	2	3*	4	6	5		14*		21	3	32
33	1	1		2	4					25	4	33
34	3	5	4	3						22	8	34
35	1	4	3							23	9	35
36		2	3	4			QT			20	6	36
37		1	5*	2	OFF 15		QT		22	27	4	37
38	2	2	4	2	OFF 5	OFF 5	DEF 15	DEF 15	OFF 15	40	12	38
39	DEF 5	3	DEF 15	DEF 5	QT		OFF 15	OFF 15	OFF 5	32	14	39

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SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... Denver's strongest offensive threat is an excellent outside rushing attack based on speed, in both the line and the running backs. Their running attack gets progressively worse the closer they get to the center of the line they are trying to hit. The Broncos' passing attack has long been plagued by the lack of a permanent quarterback and by injuries to key receivers. This seriously affects the coordination necessary on deep pass patterns. The outside speed of their backs, which makes the end run such a threat, also makes the screen pass a very effective play for Denver. The Broncos' pass protection is erratic and this does not bolster their very ordinary passing attack.

Defensive Play Chart

denver broncos

		RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS					
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
DEF. PLAY	# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	# ON DICE
A STANDARD 4-3-4	1				2	4					1
	2	1	1								2
	3		1		2						3
	4			2							4
	5								14		5
B PASS PREVENT 3-5-3	1	1	3	3		3					1
	2	1	3	2							2
	3	2	2	1							3
	4	2		2							4
	5		5	5							5
C DOUBLE COVERAGE 4-4-3	1	1		1		3					1
	2	2			2			5	10		2
	3	1	2	2	2						3
	4	1						12	17	40	4
	5	1	2		2				14		5
D SHORT YARDAGE 6-1-4 or 7-1-3	1	1	1		2	5					1
	2				1	2		5	15		2
	3	1			3			10	10	30	3
	4	1			7					TD	4
	5	1			1				TD		5
E PARTIAL BLITZ	1	1	1	2		6					1
	2	2	3	1	1	1			5		2
	3	3	3	4	6	2		5			3
	4	1		2		5	3	QT	QT	QT	4
	5	1	2	1	1	9		15	20	35	5
F FULL BLITZ	1	2	2	3	1	7					1
	2	3	3	2		2					2
	3	6	5	8	8	1	1	QT	QT	QT	3
	4	3	2	6	5	12	6	15	20	35	4
	5	1	2	2	3	15			TD	TD	5

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SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... The key to Denver's team is the development of their young defensive unit. Right now they are young and strong, but still spring too many leaks and have too little experience and cohesion to be really effective. The pass rush is strong and often successful, but very slow in reacting to variations in a passing situation, such as the screen pass. The defensive secondary has good potential but badly needs more experience as a unit. Denver's defense against rushing is generally poor, hurt by weakness in the linebacking corps and by the tendency of the front four to concentrate on rushing the quarterback. However, Denver does have a good record when it comes to stopping opposing draw plays.

Offensive Play Chart

detroit lions

	RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	B	QT	# ON DICE
10	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	25	20	TD	25	INT 28	49	7	10
11	FUM	16	OFF 15	FUM	OFF 5	OFF 5	OFF 5	OFF 5	OFF 5	48	8*	11
12	OFF 15	FUM	18	OFF 15	DEF 15	OFF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	45*	47	9	12
13	8	OFF 15	B	3	13	DEF 15	16*	OFF 15	DEF 15	38	*	13
14	9	8	2	1	DEF 5	DEF 5	OFF 15	16*	DEF 5	36	5	14
15	6	7	1*	2	OFF 15	INT 9	12	15	OFF 15	34	2	15
16	10	6	8	4	15*	1	13*	19	40	45	1	16
17	14	B	FUM	2	17	12	14*	PI 15	TD	22	15	17
18	1	10	9	5	22*	15	40	22*	30	46	1	18
19	B	4	10	B	INT −1	PI 6	PI 14	30*	50	44	25	19
20	1	9	5*	2			20*	18	28*	43	10	20
21	OFF 5	OFF 5	OFF 5	OFF 5	5	10	9*	13	35*	32	3*	21
22	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5		1	10	12*	QT	40	13	22
23	1	5	1	4	10	6	8*	11	QT	24	13	23
24	5	4	2*		6	3	QT	10	QT	20	9	24
25	1	1	2	8	5	2	QT	QT	QT	29	8*	25
26	7	3	2	10	QT		11*			23	FUM −10	26
27		4	3*	12	QT		6*		24	30	FUM −2	27
28	2	3	3	16	1	QT	QT	QT	26	23	11	28
29	3	1	12	18	FUM	FUM +5	FUM +12	FUM +14	FUM +36	24	3	29
30	1	1	11*	1	9	8		17	PI 37	50	5*	30
31	4	2	6*	5	8*	7	DEF 5	DEF 5		22	4	31
32	4	1	1*	3	4	4				28	12	32
33		2		3	2	5		QT	INT 36	27	10	33
34	2		5	2						26	9	34
35	2	3	4*	1						25	8	35
36	3	3	3	7	3					TD	11	36
37	3	2	7	6	7	QT		INT 13	QT	21	7	37
38	1	1	8*	9	12	9	5*	14*	22	55	6	38
39	7	13	14	14	20	11	30*	20	20	21	20	39

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SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... The word around the league is that the Lions are loaded. After a succession of lean years in the college draft, the Lions hit a bonanza. The flow of exceptional players to Detroit has been the envy of pro scouts. Injuries, not the lack of talent, has limited Detroit's improvement. Injuries to fast running backs have prevented the Lions from developing a consistent outside running threat. The passing has also been effected by the casualty list. Most critically, the protection broke down just when Detroit was still getting to know its new quarterbacks. Despite the problem, the Lions have shown definite ability to complete medium range passes and the young quartebacks have shown a surprising knack at the use of the screen. The coordination between passer and receiver necessary for long pass completions has yet to develop, even though the Lions' receivers are fast enough to get behind the deep defenders. This, plus the poor pass protection, leads to many interceptions on long pass attempts.

Defensive Play Chart

detroit lions

		RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS					
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
DEF. PLAY	# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	# ON DICE
A STANDARD 4-3-4	1		1	1	1	4	2	4		4	1
	2			1		4	2				2
	3	1		1		1					3
	4	1	1		3						4
	5	1		1	1	QT		QT	QT	INT 29	5
B PASS PREVENT 3-5-3	1	1	2	2		5	2	4		4	1
	2		2	1		3	2				2
	3	1			1	2					3
	4		2		1						4
	5	2	5	4	2					INT 32	5
C DOUBLE COVERAGE 4-4-3	1			2		5				4	1
	2	1	1	1	2	3	2		10		2
	3	1		3		2	2	1			3
	4	1	1	2			2	11		40	4
	5		1	1		QT	QT	QT	QT	INT 30	5
D SHORT YARDAGE 6-1-4 or 7-1-3	1	1	2	2	1		2			4	1
	2				1		2		10		2
	3	3	2	1	1			10	15	30	3
	4	3	3		4			2		TD	4
	5	1			2	QT	QT	QT	QT	QT	5
E PARTIAL BLITZ	1	1		1	1					4	1
	2	1	1		1	3					2
	3	4	3	5	4	1			5		3
	4				3			QT	QT	QT	4
	5		1			QT		15	QT	INT 35	5
F FULL BLITZ	1	2	1	2	2			4		4	1
	2	2	2	1	2				QT	QT	2
	3	7	6	9	8	1	2	QT			3
	4	1	1	4	1			16		35	4
	5	1	2	1	1	QT			TD		5

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SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... It's on defense that Detroit stands out. Indeed, they are very good, approaching the best in pro football. Actually, there are no weaknesses. The linebackers are quick and mobile and very alert to see the draw or screen pass develop, while the cornerbackers are quick to cover the flat, making the success of the end run or short pass doubtful. The front four pressure quarterbacks into releasing the ball before they're ready, which often sets up the possibility of an interception or busted play. At the same time, the line and linebackers are able to defend very well against all types of rushing plays. The difficulty in developing a game plan against the Lion defense is in finding a weakness to exploit. Generally, the area picked on is the medium range pass, since this is the only zone in which completions have been made with any frequency.

Offensive Play Chart

green bay packers

	RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	B	QT	# ON DICE
10	15	OFF 15	18	17	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 15	47	2*	10
11	OFF 15	15	12*	OFF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	18*	12*	DEF 5	48	12*	11
12	10	B	11	12	15*	12	OFF 15	OFF 15	50	46	4	12
13	2	1	B	11	OFF 15	OFF 15	OFF 5	OFF 5	OFF 15	45	8	13
14	2	9	FUM	20	OFF 5	OFF 5	DEF 15	DEF 15	OFF 5	TD	3	14
15	OFF 5	OFF 5	OFF 5	OFF 5	INT – 3	10	25*	19	INT 23	60	4	15
16	1	10	OFF 15	14	25*	5	30	QT	28	42	6	16
17	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 5	DEF 15	30	25	TD	30*	47	49	10	17
18	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 15	DEF 5	40*	30	20*	40	PI 28	43	20	18
19	B	4	*	B	50	PI 7	50	TD	55*	44	25	19
20	9	12	10	13	8	3	PI 12	10	TD	40	*	20
21	2	8	15*	10	7*	4	13*	18*	INT 33	55	15*	21
22	7	FUM	7	8	6	1	14	PI 11	QT	39	14	22
23	FUM	7	8*	FUM	1	INT 8	11*	INT 12	27	30	7	23
24	2	5	5	5	5		12*	12	QT	28	12	24
25	4	4	3*	2	6	8	QT	11	QT	27	11	25
26	6	6	2	7	5	5	QT	13*		37	13	26
27	3	3	6	3	2	2	15*	17		29	2	27
28	2	4	4*	15	20	15	40		43	35		28
29	3	2	3	1	FUM	FUM + 6	FUM + 12	FUM + 15	FUM + 27	41	18	29
30	1	1	6*	2				16	26	36	1*	30
31	4	3	14	3	3	9		QT	36*	34	6*	31
32	1	3	4*	2	3	6		QT	22*	26	10	32
33			4	1	1	7				24	9	33
34	5	1	3							22	8	34
35	3	2	2*	1						20	FUM – 10	35
36	1	2	1	4	QT	QT			QT	25	FUM – 3	36
37	2	3	1	5	10	3	10*	14*	24	32	5	37
38	3	2	2*	6	12	1	16*	15	32	50	10*	38
39	12	4		1	13	20	QT	20	21	23	15	39

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... For the better part of the sixties, Green Bay, Wisconsin was "Titletown, U.S.A.". However, the efficiency and stopwatch timing of the Packers' offense is not what it used to be, although the Green Bay power sweep is still formidable. This is not true of the once strong running game in general. The Packers are no longer certain of making the short yardage. Instead of the first down on a line plunge, they often end up with a fumble. The pass protection is spotty, although, given time to throw, their passing game is excellent, particularly on the longer patterns. The Packers are dangerous on offense because of their ability to move downfield quickly with medium and long passes, although they are no longer able to control the ball with the same consistency as exhibited in the past.

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Defensive Play Chart

green bay packers

		RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS					
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
DEF. PLAY	# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	# ON DICE
A STANDARD 4-3-4	1			1	1	4					1
	2	1		1		4				3	2
	3			1		1					3
	4	1		2				16			4
	5		2	2		QT		QT		QT	5
B PASS PREVENT 3-5-3	1		3	4		5					1
	2		2	3		3				3	2
	3	2	1	2	2	2					3
	4	1		2	2						4
	5	1	3	6							5
C DOUBLE COVERAGE 4-4-3	1					5				3	1
	2	2				3		5	5		2
	3				1	2		6			3
	4				1			20	13		4
	5		2			QT		18	QT	QT	5
D SHORT YARDAGE 6-1-4 or 7-1-3	1	1	1	2	1			14		3	1
	2	1			1			5	10		2
	3	2	2	1	1				15		3
	4	3	2	2	7					TD	4
	5		2	1	1	QT		QT	TD	QT	5
E PARTIAL BLITZ	1	1		3	1						1
	2		2	2	1	3		5	4	3	2
	3	3	3	3	4	1		7	QT		3
	4		1	2			3	QT		QT	4
	5	1		3	1	QT		20	20	35	5
F FULL BLITZ	1	2	2	4	2						1
	2	1	2	3	2			4	QT	QT	2
	3	6	6	7	8	1	3	QT		4	3
	4	1	2	6	4			20	20	36	4
	5	2		4	2	QT		19	TD	TD	5

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SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... The Packers' defense is still a formidable unit, particularly against passing. Their pass rush is very effective, giving opposing quarterbacks little time to throw accurate long passes. This is complemented by a defensive secondary who often allows completions on medium and sideline passes, but who are rarely beaten by deep receivers. A group of linebackers who read plays brilliantly and react quickly make Green Bay very effective against screen passes, usually stopping the receiver with little or no gain. Against rushing, the Packer defense is good when opposing teams try to run up the middle. However, an aging front line and a concentration on rushing the passer make the Packers vulnerable to end runs, especially sweeps starting from quick pitch-outs.

Offensive Play Chart

houston oilers

	RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	B	QT	# ON DICE
10	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	44	12*	10
11	OFF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	3	6	PI 9	16	17*	PI 30	39	8*	11
12	7	6	16*	18	2		OFF 15	OFF 15	43*	38	7	12
13	15	6	8	12	7	8	OFF 5	OFF 5	OFF 5	45	5	13
14	9	8	11*	15	OFF 5	QT	10*	10	OFF 15	30	4	14
15	5	7	7*	8	OFF 15	8	6*	10*	TD	32	5	15
16	5	20	9	B	1	1	PI 10	PI 11	50	46	3	16
17	2	OFF 15	13	4	5		15*	25*	24	47	10	17
18	B	15	3	5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	33	20	18
19	20	3	20	6	INT 5	13	INT 14	30	55*	40	1	19
20	6	2	4*	3	QT	1	20	18	23	43	*	20
21	4	5	6	10	30	OFF 15	12	11*	INT 22	34	5*	21
22	6	4	5*		10*	OFF 5	QT	QT	INT 32	28	FUM – 8	22
23	5	5	10*	3		4		16		27	6	23
24	3	4	3*	5	8	6		INT 13		26	11	24
25	3	3	3	4		5		12		25	11	25
26	8	OFF 5	4*	OFF 5	20	INT 7	11*	11	30	29	9	26
27	3	5	OFF 15	OFF 15	1*	INT 3	28*	14	35	36	5	27
28	10	9	6	2	2	2	22*	19*	21	37	14	28
29	DEF 15	10	FUM	DEF 15	3*	FUM + 6	FUM + 14	FUM + 12	FUM + 35	42	2	29
30	OFF 5	3	OFF 5	1		4	14*	14*	27*	41	7*	30
31	2	2	5	7	9			15		50	13*	31
32	2	3	1*	2		7				23	10	32
33	4	1	4	6	5					22	12	33
34	1	1	1	1	4					21	8	34
35	1	2	2		3				QT	20	9	35
36				1	2	9			QT	24	10	36
37	2	1	2*	2	14	3	QT	QT		TD	7	37
38	1	12	2	8		10	13*	13	22*	55	8	38
39	FUM	FUM	1	FUM	18	7	25		20	48	15	39

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SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... Houston's offense is marked by great strength and a damaging lack of speed. The running attack is very good inside at line plunges and draw plays, but the lack of speed prevents the Oilers from gaining much yardage around the ends. The same situation is reflected when it comes to Houston's passing game. The blocking strength provides good pass protection and a good screen passing assault. However, erratic quarterbacking, coupled with a scarcity of fast deep receivers, prevents the Oilers from having an adequate long passing attack. Medium passes, where speed of the receivers is not so essential, are much more successful for the Oilers. The lack of outside running and passing threats makes Houston a relatively easy team to defend against.

Defensive Play Chart

houston oilers

		RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS					
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
DEF. PLAY	# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	# ON DICE
A STANDARD 4-3-4	1	1	1		1	1		5			1
	2			1		1					2
	3		1	2		1					3
	4		1	1							4
	5										5
B PASS PREVENT 3-5-3	1		2	3	2	2		5			1
	2		2								2
	3		1		2	2					3
	4	2			2						4
	5		2	4							5
C DOUBLE COVERAGE 4-4-3	1		1	1		2		3			1
	2		2	1				5	8		2
	3		1	4		2					3
	4	1	1	3				16	16	40	4
	5	3	2								5
D SHORT YARDAGE 6-1-4 or 7-1-3	1	2	4	1				4			1
	2			1				5	9		2
	3	2	3		1			14		30	3
	4	2	3	3	7					TD	4
	5								TD		5
E PARTIAL BLITZ	1		2	2		2		5			1
	2	1	1		1						2
	3	3	4	6	4	1	1				3
	4	1		1		3		QT	QT	QT	4
	5	1	1	1	1			20	19	30	5
F FULL BLITZ	1	1		2	1	2		5			1
	2	1	2	1	2						2
	3	5	6	8	8	2	3	QT	QT	QT	3
	4	3		1	4	10		20	18	28	4
	5	1	2	2	2	12		TD	TD	TD	5

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SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... The defensive unit makes the Oilers respectable. The speed that is so lacking on offense is present in abundance on defense, particularly at linebacker. The Oilers are very successful at stopping opponents outside ground game and only slightly less efficient at stopping an inside running attack. When Houston does get fooled by a rushing play, it is often the draw that catches them flatfooted. The pass rush of the front four is average, but the defensive backs and the linebackers combine to form an excellent overall pass defense. This is particularly true against short and medium passes. On long pass attempts the coverage is still good, but the inconsistency of the pass rush often hampers the efforts of the secondary.

Offensive Play Chart

kansas city chiefs

	RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	B	QT	# ON DICE
10	2	B	DEF 5		5	PI 8	PI 12	PI 15	50*	36	6*	10
11	15	10	4*	FUM	6*	10	25*	25		39	10*	11
12	B	15	B	FUM		25	25	INT 14	PI 36	35	8	12
13	6	FUM	OFF 5	18	OFF 15	OFF 15	OFF 15	OFF 15	OFF 15	22	3	13
14	3	9	18*	13	16	QT	45	QT	38*	29	3	14
15	3	8	5*	8	11	5	28	QT	35*	25	13	15
16	11	12	15*	8	18*	12	13*	QT	24	28	15	16
17	13	2	6	3	OFF 5	OFF 5	7*	20*	OFF 5	37	1	17
18	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	20	30	18
19	9	16	13		INT – 3	14	19	INT 17	43	31	7	19
20	8	3	12*	1	2		9*	10	20	27	2*	20
21	1	6	11	10	QT			10	32	20	7*	21
22	1	2	5	4	9	3	35*	16*	23	20		22
23	FUM	7	1	2	4*	5	QT	15		20	5	23
24	7	4	10*	7	4		15*			24	8	24
25	5	2	7	6	13	9				24	10	25
26	OFF 5	2	4*	OFF 5	3	9	8*		21	24	6	26
27	3	1	4	10	4	1	5*		28*	20	7	27
28	3	4	FUM	2	5		OFF 5	OFF 5	INT 28	26	FUM – 3	28
29	OFF 15	OFF 15	OFF 15	OFF 15	FUM + 8	FUM + 5	FUM + 13	FUM + 17	FUM + 27	33		29
30	3	2	1*	3	22	INT 7	QT		26	22	4*	30
31	1	2	8	15	3	8	17*	14	TD	22	3*	31
32	4	3	6*	1	3	4		13		22	12	32
33	4	3	9	5		7		18*	QT	23	14	33
34	2	5	3	2	7	6			QT	23	4	34
35		1	2*		9					21	11	35
36	3			5	5			12		TD	13	36
37	2	1	2	9	8	1	12*	11	INT 31	21	1	37
38	1	OFF 5	3	4		INT 3	10*		INT 42	21	2	38
39	DEF 5	DEF 5	8	DEF 5	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	32	9	39

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SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... The Kansas City offensive line is a strong and solid unit. The linemen protect their quarterbacks well and are also able to open the holes for a fine crew of running backs. The Chiefs' ground game works well both around the ends and through the line, although they are sometimes stopped by a tendency to fumble on line plunges. They also make good use of the draw play in many passing situations. The Kansas City passing attack relies on the good pass protection and on the ability of their quarterbacks to hit a wide variety of receivers on medium range passes. The Chiefs use their running backs as pass receivers more than any other team. The Chiefs' long passing attack is good but not outstanding. Considering the versatility of their running backs, it is surprising that the screen pass is not an effective Kansas City weapon.

Defensive Play Chart

kansas city chiefs

		RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS					
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
DEF. PLAY	# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	# ON DICE
A STANDARD 4-3-4	1		1	2		1				3	1
	2					1	3				2
	3			1	2	1					3
	4		2	1	1		6				4
	5	1		1	1		INT 8			INT 32	5
B PASS PREVENT 3-5-3	1	1	2	1	1	2				3	1
	2	1	2	1			3				2
	3			1	4	2					3
	4	3	1		3		6				4
	5	3	5	4	1		INT 9			INT 36	5
C DOUBLE COVERAGE 4-4-3	1	1		3		2				3	1
	2	1			2		3	5	10		2
	3		2	3		2					3
	4	4		3				13		40	4
	5			1			INT 7		QT	INT 35	5
D SHORT YARDAGE 6-1-4 or 7-1-3	1	2	2							3	1
	2	1		2	1		3	5	9		2
	3		2	1	1			10	15		3
	4		4	2	8			QT	QT	TD	4
	5	1					INT 5			INT 27	5
E PARTIAL BLITZ	1	1			2	2				3	1
	2	1	1	1	1						2
	3	3	3	5	2	1	5	4	4	QT	3
	4	1	1	1	1	3	6	QT	QT		4
	5		1		2		INT 4	17		35	5
F FULL BLITZ	1	2	1	1	3	2		QT	QT	QT	1
	2	2	2	1	2					3	2
	3	6	6	7	6	2	5				3
	4	2		1	5	10	6	16		35	4
	5	1	2		3	12	INT 6		TD	TD	5

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... The Kansas City defense is an experienced, well-coordinated unit. The front four, providing a good pass rush coupled with good cooperation in the secondary, make it very difficult to complete long passes against the Chiefs. The Kansas City defense is only slightly less effective against short and medium range passes. The Chiefs also excel at stopping opposing rushing attempts, especially end runs and off tackle slants. The best chance to gain on the ground against the Chiefs is the straight line plunge. Another way to combat Kansas City's defense is through effective ball handling and deception since the Chiefs are often fooled by the draw play and are sometimes slow to react to the screen pass.

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Offensive Play Chart

los angeles rams

	RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	B	QT	# ON DICE
10	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	57	17*	10
11	OFF 15	8	B	OFF 15	OFF 15	OFF 15	FUM + 12	FUM + 18	45*	60	7*	11
12	OFF 5	10	3*	OFF 5	OFF 5	OFF 5	OFF 15	OFF 15	28	43	1	12
13	1	OFF 5	DEF 5	13	DEF 5	5	OFF 5	OFF 5	38*	42	20	13
14	8	OFF 15	OFF 5	12	4	DEF 5	10	14	DEF 5	48	13	14
15	7	12	11*	11	3*		9*	13	32	45		15
16	1	16	9	5	25	FUM + 5	8*	19*	26*	46	14	16
17	FUM	14	FUM	FUM	FUM + 4	INT 6	7*	INT 15	60	47	2	17
18	15	FUM	17	18	30*	20	30	30*	PI 22	49	25	18
19	B	B	7	B	14*	27	PI 14	PI 11	35	52	2	19
20	2		14*	15	20*	PI 7	6*	18*	INT 34	50	12*	20
21	1	9	*	10	2	1	23*	17*	OFF 5	40	10*	21
22	1	7	4*	7	QT	QT	DEF 5	DEF 5	OFF 15	32	3	22
23	DEF 5	DEF 5	OFF 15	DEF 5	10	2	20		QT	27	8	23
24	6	3	3	8	5	5				26	6	24
25	1	3	4	2		6		12		25	1	25
26	2	2	3	1				11	TD	30	9	26
27	1	2	4*	5	1		12*	10	QT	38	5	27
28	1	4	*	14	18*	12	14*	20	QT	TD	11	28
29	12	2	5	16	2	7	13*	25*	FUM + 40	35	30	29
30	4	3	2	6	3	7	11*	16*	23	36	5*	30
31	4		8*	9	7	10	15*	15		29	13*	31
32	2	6	7	1		4				24	6	32
33	5	4	2	3	5					22	7	33
34	2	4	5*	4	6					21	4	34
35		5	1		4	8				20	8	35
36	3	2		2	1	3				23	3	36
37	3	1	6*	3	12	9	QT	QT	QT	28	FUM −8	37
38	1	1	1	4	16	1	QT	QT	21	34	10	38
39	9	1	1*	5	INT −8	1	17*	23	50*	55	15	39

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... The Rams' passer ranks with the best in pro football but is limited by a lack of fast deep receivers. In turn, this forces the team to concentrate on screens and short patterns. Their record of completing medium and long passes is not good, despite good pass protection. However, the Rams do not give up the ball easily and have very few passes intercepted. They prefer to throw the ball away rather than risk an interception. Meanwhile, the running is improving although it still does not possess a breakaway threat. The Rams have young, strong rushers that carry the ball effectively off tackle and on the draw. The lack of speed in the backfield hurts their passing and also restricts their running game by giving them no outside threat.

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Defensive Play Chart

los angeles rams

		RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS					
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
DEF. PLAY	# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	# ON DICE
A STANDARD 4-3-4	1	1		1		1		3			1
	2					1	2				2
	3				2	1					3
	4	1	1	2	1						4
	5		2	1	1		INT 5	QT	QT		5
B PASS PREVENT 3-5-3	1		3	2		2		3			1
	2		2	2	1		2				2
	3	2				2					3
	4	1	1	1	1		INT 8				4
	5		3	4					INT 15		5
C DOUBLE COVERAGE 4-4-3	1	1		2		2		3			1
	2						2	5	10		2
	3	1		2	2	2					3
	4		1	4			INT 6			40	4
	5		2	1	4		QT	QT	QT	QT	5
D SHORT YARDAGE 6-1-4 or 7-1-3	1	2	1					3			1
	2				1		2	5	10		2
	3	2	2	2	3					30	3
	4	3	3		6	QT		16		TD	4
	5		2	1	2		INT 7	18	TD	QT	5
E PARTIAL BLITZ	1			1	2	2		3			1
	2	1	2	1	1				4		2
	3	3	3	4	6	1		5		QT	3
	4			2	1	3	3	QT	QT	30	4
	5	1					INT 4		20		5
F FULL BLITZ	1	1	2	2	3	4		3			1
	2	2	2	2	2				QT	QT	2
	3	6	6	8	10	2	3	QT			3
	4	1	1	2	3	6				33	4
	5	2		1	1		INT 3	QT	TD	TD	5

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SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... The Rams' defense has overall quality, but nowhere is it better than in the front four. These formerly unsung heroes have made themselves and the rush line the subject of enthusiastic commentators. This first class defense rests on their brawny arms. It begins with intense pressure, both inside and out, applied to the quarterback. As a result, passers look to unload. This forces even the short passes and explains the high rate of interceptions on this pattern. Generally, the offense tries the trial-and-error method in hitting upon a play sequence. The Rams are that good in all areas. Their line and linebackers are able to rush the passer and still provide good defense against all rushing plays and screen passes, which makes it very difficult to outguess the Ram defense.

Offensive Play Chart

miami dolphins

	RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	B	QT	# ON DICE
10	OFF 15	OFF 15	OFF 15	OFF 15	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	49	2*	10
11	FUM	DEF 5	15	FUM	17	12	OFF 5	OFF 5	30	48	4*	11
12	9	3	DEF 15	12	OFF 15	OFF 15	OFF 15	OFF 15	32*	43	3	12
13	8	OFF 5	OFF 5	9	30*	PI 5	16*	18*	INT 40	35	15	13
14	2	2	17	8	4	10	20	16*	INT 25	32	14	14
15	1	1	8	8	5	2	25*	15	28	30	1	15
16	1	1	2*	10	10	1	10*	19*	35*	41	15	16
17	B	B	3	15	TD		18*	PI 14	50	40	5	17
18	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 5	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	42		18
19	3	13	19	20	25	20	PI 12	25	QT	44	10	19
20	12	9	14*	7	2	3	8*	8	38	45	6*	20
21	4	5	10	9	7*	4	30*	10	21	38	8*	21
22	7	7	9*	7	20	3	14*	14	QT	25	9	22
23	1	5	7*	4		9		12		26	13	23
24	2	4	1	1	8	INT 5	12	QT	QT	23	9	24
25	2	1		3	6	QT	QT	QT	QT	21	8	25
26		1	4	2		6	QT	13	PI 35	27	8	26
27	4	4	4*	4	9	6	QT	QT	OFF 15	34	5	27
28	4	10	FUM	10	OFF 5	OFF 5	11*	9	OFF 5	27	3	28
29	DEF 5	FUM	4	DEF 5	FUM +8	FUM +5	FUM +12	FUM +17	FUM +28	46	2	29
30	OFF 5		12	OFF 5		8	INT 10	INT 18	23*	24	1*	30
31			B	1		7	7*	INT 13	QT	29	11*	31
32	2	6	1*	2	QT					24	10	32
33	1	2	1	1	4					50	12	33
34	3	2	2*	3	2					20	7	34
35	3	3	3	3	3					22	6	35
36	4	3	6	5	3					TD	FUM −10	36
37		8	5*	6	1	5	6*	11	QT	28	11	37
38	5	12	3*		5*	8	5*	17*	26	36	10	38
39	6	15	3*	6	12	15	35	20*	43	47	FUM	39

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SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... The Dolphins like to run and pass to the outside, preferring to rely on play execution and some speed rather than on the straight blocking ability of a relatively weak offensive line. The running attack features dependable although not unusually fast ball carriers who nonetheless make their biggest gains on end runs. The Dolphins are notably unsuccessful when trying to plunge through the middle of the opposing line. A passing attack featuring capable passers and receivers is handicapped by very poor pass protection. This not only affects medium and long pass attempts, but even hurts the Dolphins' efforts to throw short. Miami counters the pass rush by successfully using screen and sideline passes and by the Dolphin quarterback occassionally scrambling for plus yardage.

Defensive Play Chart

miami dolphins

		RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS					
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
DEF. PLAY	# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	# ON DICE
A STANDARD 4-3-4	1				1	2					1
	2		1			2					2
	3		1		1	2					3
	4	1		2							4
	5								16		5
B PASS PREVENT 3-5-3	1	1	2	2		2					1
	2		1	2		2					2
	3	2	1	2	1	2					3
	4	1	1		2	1					4
	5		5	2							5
C DOUBLE COVERAGE 4-4-3	1			1		2					1
	2	1	1	1		2		5	10		2
	3	2		2	2	2					3
	4	1			1	1		15	16	40	4
	5	1		1					18		5
D SHORT YARDAGE 6-1-4 or 7-1-3	1	2	2		1	1					1
	2		1		1	1		5	17		2
	3	1	1		2	1		12	8	30	3
	4	2	3	2	7					TD	4
	5		3		1				TD		5
E PARTIAL BLITZ	1	1	1	2	1						1
	2	1		1	1						2
	3	3	4	4	5	1	1	5			3
	4		1	2		3		QT	QT	QT	4
	5	1	1	1	1			18	20	34	5
F FULL BLITZ	1	2	1	3	2						1
	2	2	1	2	2						2
	3	6	5	8	9		3	QT	QT	QT	3
	4	1		2	4	10		17	20	33	4
	5	2	2	2	2	12		TD	TD	TD	5

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SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... The Miami defensive unit is one of the most rapidly improving aggregations in pro football. They are already one of the toughest teams to run against and they are particularly adept at stopping opposing off tackle and draw play attempts. Vastly improved linebacking has also enabled the Dolphins to be strong defensively against screen and short passes. Two areas are still in need of improvement. The pass rush is at best mediocre and the defensive backfield is young and inexperienced. This inexperience has been compounded by a succession of injuries to the defensive backs. Opposing offenses can strike quickly against the Dolphins by throwing medium and long passes, often nullifying the rest of Miami's fine defense in the process.

Offensive Play Chart

minnesota vikings

	RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	B	QT	# ON DICE
10	FUM	B	15	FUM	3	15	DEF 5	DEF 5	55	52	25*	10
11	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	19	25*	DEF 5	55	15*	11
12	8	DEF 5	DEF 5	15	OFF 15	OFF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	PI 38	50	8	12
13	5	3	FUM	7	10	12	13*	PI 15	DEF 15	46	3	13
14	OFF 5	OFF 5	11*	OFF 5		8	OFF 5	INT 11	OFF 5	42	4	14
15	1	3	1	3	15	10	12*	16	OFF 15	40	5	15
16	2	9	17*	5	25*	PI 8	16*	19	INT 34	48	2	16
17	DEF 5	OFF 15	13*	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	18*	20*	50*	58	12	17
18	2	8	19	B	3*	20	20	30	40	49	18	18
19	B	3	3*	6	40	24	PI 12	35*	25	47	22	19
20	9	2	5	12	13	QT	15	18	45	35	6*	20
21	2	2	4*		4	QT	9*	15	35	37	12*	21
22	5	2	2*	6	INT – 3	9	8*	OFF 5	27	28	11	22
23	3	6	3	10	1	INT 8	OFF 15	OFF 15		25	3	23
24	3	2	B	9	9	5	QT	QT	QT	TD	4	24
25	3	1	6	5	7	3	QT	QT	QT	TD	5	25
26	4	7	OFF 5		6*	7			QT	30	10	26
27	4	1	9	1	20			14*	QT	34	1	27
28	11	1	1*	4			14*	17*	QT	44	14	28
29	15	14	10	18	FUM + 5	FUM + 7	FUM +11	FUM + 14	FUM + 38	45	20	29
30	4	11	8*	2	1	2	10*	13	31*	32	1*	30
31		3	OFF 15	7	QT	8		11	INT 30	27	2*	31
32		4	5	4	5	6		10		24	6	32
33	6	4	3	2	8	4				20	7	33
34	1	5	4*	2						21	9	34
35	1			1						22	8	35
36	2	3	2*	3	2	7				23	FUM – 9	36
37	7	1	1	8	OFF 5	OFF 5			TD	26	13	37
38	2	3	4*	3	4	1	11	12	22*	39		38
39	OFF 15	FUM	7	OFF 15	30		17*	22*	23	23	10	39

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SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... The Vikings were the first of the expansion teams to win a championship. This was a landmark for pro football but it also revealed that a team can win despite offensive weaknesses. The inside running of the Vikings is just average. The wide plays are consistently good but not a touchdown threat. The screen pass is a most effective play for the Vikings and their best chance for a long gain. In general, Minnesota's short passing game is effective while the medium and long passes are inconsistent. What it comes down to is the Vikings' ability to make the big play at the right time. Part of this is a quarterback who can often gain yardage when trapped attempting to pass. And although the Vikings' offense is not overpowering, they are able to capitalize on the opportunities provided by their strong defense.

Defensive Play Chart

minnesota vikings

		RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS					
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
DEF. PLAY	# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	# ON DICE
A STANDARD 4-3-4	1	1		1		1	2	5		5	1
	2	1		1	1	1					2
	3			2	1	3					3
	4	1		1						INT 32	4
	5	1		1	2	QT	QT	QT	INT 16	QT	5
B PASS PREVENT 3-5-3	1		3	1		2	2	5		5	1
	2		2	1							2
	3	1	1		1	4					3
	4				2					INT 30	4
	5		5	4					INT 15		5
C DOUBLE COVERAGE 4-4-3	1			2		2	2			5	1
	2			1	2				10		2
	3			4		4					3
	4	3		3				10			4
	5			1		QT	QT	QT	INT 17	INT 35	5
D SHORT YARDAGE 6-1-4 or 7-1-3	1	2	1	1			2			5	1
	2	1		2	2				10		2
	3	2	2	1	2	2		10		30	3
	4	3	2		7				15		4
	5	1		2	3	QT	QT	QT	QT	QT	5
E PARTIAL BLITZ	1		1	1	2	3	2			5	1
	2		1						4		2
	3	3	3	6	5	1		2	QT	QT	3
	4		1	1			3	QT		INT 40	4
	5		1		1	QT	QT	QT	17	37	5
F FULL BLITZ	1	1	2	2	3	5	2	5		5	1
	2	1	2	1	1	1			QT	QT	2
	3	6	6	10	9	1	3	QT			3
	4	1	2	3	4			12			4
	5	1	2	1		QT	QT		18	TD	5

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SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... Like that of most recent champions, the Vikings' success has been based upon an excellent defense, which is among the best in the league. Extraordinary pressure, both inside and out on the pass rush is the key—that, and the ability to shut off the end run completely. For the most part, offenses find limited play options against the Vikings' defense. The long pass is not one of them. Not only are few completed against the Vikings but their secondary has a high rate of interceptions on that particular call. Of course, the ferocious pass rush of the front four makes the job of the defensive secondary much easier and they can gamble and go for the interception knowing the opposing passer is unlikely to have the time to be accurate. The offenses that do well against the Vikings are those that can neutralize the pass rush, either with outstanding protection or a good, scrambling quarterback. The Vikings' secondary without the aid of the great pass rush is not outstanding, particularly against a short passing game.

Offensive Play Chart

new orleans saints

	RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	B	QT	# ON DICE
10	DEF 15	3	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 5	DEF 5	9*	14*	TD	49	15*	10
11	3	DEF 15	FUM	13	10	6	DEF 5	12*	OFF 5	48	8*	11
12	DEF 5	OFF 5	12	DEF 5	OFF 5	OFF 5	6*	DEF 5	28*	47	2	12
13	FUM	OFF 15	OFF 5	FUM	OFF 15	OFF 15	OFF 5	OFF 5	OFF 15	60	1	13
14	OFF 15	DEF 5	DEF 5	OFF 15	DEF 5	DEF 5	8*	18*	DEF 5	50	10*	14
15	1	1	3*	8	15	PI 4	14	17	26	38	1	15
16	14	4	6*	10	30*		5*	10	50	44		16
17	13	FUM	5	11	3	18	25	11*	INT 43	46	5	17
18	B	18	4	19	12*	5	35	30*	PI 30	43	6	18
19	1	B	8	B	INT −3	20	PI 15	40	38*	53	20	19
20	11	15	2	9	20*	1	QT	20*	43*	35	4*	20
21	10	12	B	3	9	4	13*	QT		36	8*	21
22	OFF 5	1	6*	OFF 5	2	2	18	QT		28	4	22
23	5	8	5	3	4	6	12*	INT 15	QT	27	6	23
24	7	7	8*	2	5	5		14	QT	26	9	24
25	1	6	3	3	1	4	OFF 15	OFF 15	22	25	8	25
26	3		6	4		10	16*	DEF 15	INT 26	29	3	26
27	3		14*	5		INT 6	DEF 15	16	24	55	15	27
28	8	3	16*	6	TD	12	INT 19	PI 14	QT	42	3	28
29	17	4	19	17	FUM +9	FUM +5	FUM +12	FUM +14	FUM +25	41	12	29
30	2	4	10*	2	QT	QT		11	35*	34	13*	30
31	9	9	OFF 15	7	3	9	QT	12	DEF 15	TD	2*	31
32	5	2		2		3		13		20	7	32
33	4	4	1*	4		7				21	FUM −10	33
34	2	5	4	1						22	11	34
35		1	1							23	10	35
36		2	2*	1						24	12	36
37	6	3	7	5		8	11*		21	30	5	37
38	3	4	9	5	8	5	10*	15	23	32	14	38
39	4	2	17*	15	7	15	30*	25*	30*	40	10	39

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SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... The Saints move the ball well. Perhaps not with the long strides of fancier offenses, but, nonetheless, in a determined fashion. Ball control is the New Orleans approach, and the team is strongest at plays designed to augment this thinking. The Saints' punishing runners are at their best slashing off tackle or plunging up the middle. They are only slightly less effective running wide. Good blocking, both on passes and runs, opens up holes for the running backs and allows the quarterback time enough to find his receivers. The passing concentrates on short and medium range patterns. A combination of quarterbacks' limited range and receivers who are clever rather than fast, forces the Saints to mix their plays wisely. As a result, New Orleans moves the ball in short, consistent spurts. The lack of a quick touchdown threat allows the defense to concentrate on the Saints' shorter passes. Unaccountably, New Orleans neither runs the draw well nor is effective on screen passes.

Defensive Play Chart

new orleans saints

		RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS					
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
DEF. PLAY	# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	# ON DICE
A STANDARD 4-3-4	1					1		1		5	1
	2				2	1	3				2
	3			2		4					3
	4	1	2								4
	5		2							39	5
B PASS PREVENT 3-5-3	1	1	3	3	1	2		1		5	1
	2		2	2	2		3				2
	3	2		3	2	2					3
	4	1	1		2						4
	5		3	5							5
C DOUBLE COVERAGE 4-4-3	1			1	1	2		1		5	1
	2	1					3	5	10		2
	3	2			1	2					3
	4	1	2	2				16	17	40	4
	5	1	2		1					35	5
D SHORT YARDAGE 6-1-4 or 7-1-3	1	1	2	1				1		5	1
	2				1		3	5	10		2
	3	2	2		1	4		13	15	30	3
	4	3		2	7					TD	4
	5		2		1				TD	40	5
E PARTIAL BLITZ	1	1	1	2	2	2		1		5	1
	2	1	1	1	3						2
	3	3	3	2	4	5	4	5	5		3
	4		1			3	2				4
	5	1	1	1	1			QT	QT	QT	5
F FULL BLITZ	1	2	2	3	3	4		1			1
	2	2	2	2	4						2
	3	6	6	6	8	6	6			32	3
	4	1		4	4	6	2	QT	QT	QT	4
	5	2		2	2			17	TD		5

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SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... Good pass defense begins with the front four, which perhaps explains why the Saints are handicapped. The rush line finds quarterbacks are as elusive as greased pigs. The lack of pressure up front puts the deep secondary in constant jeopardy. Not surprisingly, the Saints are most vulnerable to the long pass. They do better against shorter patterns. But even here, opposing passers can find an opening in critical situations. The uncertainty of the coverage adds to the difficulty of play recognition, and the defenses are slow to recognize the screen and the draw. Meanwhile, New Orleans is no better defending against the rush than they are against the pass. The team is competent in containing inside plays but lacks mobility against the end run. The linebackers, whipsawed between helping out on the pass coverage and increased responsibility on blitzes, are slow to move up and shut off the end run.

Offensive Play Chart

new york giants

	RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	B	QT	# ON DICE
10	3	3	5	5	DEF 15	DEF 15	40*	30	20	43	12*	10
11	1	DEF 5	B	3	30	18	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 15	45	20*	11
12	DEF 5	FUM	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	13*	19*	DEF 5	48	6	12
13	FUM	12	OFF 5	FUM	OFF 15	OFF 15	15*	18	QT	42	15	13
14	14	3	12*	14	5	5	25	17*	QT	TD	4	14
15	OFF 15	OFF 15	*	OFF 15	9	4	11*	16	OFF 15	40		15
16	OFF 5	OFF 5	DEF 15	OFF 5	20*	12	OFF 5	OFF 5	OFF 5	44	10	16
17	10	DEF 15	14	17	25	15	DEF 15	DEF 15	40	55	3*	17
18	DEF 15	18	FUM	DEF 15	TD	PI 5	35*	INT 17	25	53	22	18
19	17	B	15	B	INT −1	INT 2	PI 14	PI 16	PI 32	57	25	19
20	7	2	3	4	17	1	12	20*	TD	50	9	20
21	6	3	2*	10	12	3	10*		50	38	8*	21
22	8	5	OFF 15	2	10	QT			INT 28	32	9	22
23	1	3	3*	4				OFF 15	QT	27	2	23
24		5	1	2	1	8	OFF 15	QT	QT	26	13	24
25	2	6	5*	9	8	7	QT	12	QT	25	6	25
26	2	1	9		7	3		14	22	30	8	26
27		3	7*		3*	2		11	28*	34	7	27
28		1	10*	4	OFF 5	OFF 5	30	QT		46	1	28
29	B	9	18	1	FUM + 4	FUM + 5	FUM + 13	FUM + 16	FUM + 23	35	2	29
30	9	8	3*	1	5	1		13	37*	36	4*	30
31	4	2	6	1	3	10		QT	33*	29	12*	31
32	2	7	1	8		4	QT			24	11	32
33	1	1	4	6		5				22	1	33
34	3	2	3	3	4					21	6	34
35	3	4	2	5	6					20	5	35
36	5		2*	7	QT	6				23	10	36
37	4		2	1	6	9	5*	10	24	28	7	37
38	12	3	6*	12	9		7*	15*	26	23	FUM −7	38
39	2	15	16*	2	40	QT	20*	25*	45	22	3	39

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SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... The Giants have had the most exciting, although inconsistent offense in pro football. The cause of both is their scrambling quarterback. The style is not entirely the quarterback's choosing, since pass protection is often non-existent and the passer escapes the pocket to survive, often making good yardage in the process. Actually, the scrambling is over-emphasized, and the Giants are a more precise offense than is generally realized. Play calls are often for the screen or short pass, at which the Giants are quite good, and the quarterback is either on his own from the start or else knows he must get the ball away quickly. The Giants have some success on medium and long passes and rarely risk interceptions, often throwing the ball away when rushed. The Giants playbook emphasizes the draw, the line plunge, and the tackle slant. The end run is not neglected but it is a play with which the Giants have little success.

Defensive Play Chart

new york giants

		RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS					
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
DEF. PLAY	# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	# ON DICE
A STANDARD 4-3-4	1	1				1		2		2	1
	2	1			1	1					2
	3		1		1						3
	4	1		1						32	4
	5		1	2	2					INT 32	5
B PASS PREVENT 3-5-3	1	2	3	3	1	2		2		2	1
	2	1	2	2	1						2
	3	2	2	1	3	1					3
	4	3			2						4
	5		6		2						5
C DOUBLE COVERAGE 4-4-3	1	1		1	1	2				2	1
	2	2						3	10		2
	3	3		2		1					3
	4		3	3	3			13		40	4
	5	1	1	2	1						5
D SHORT YARDAGE 6-1-4 or 7-1-3	1									2	1
	2		1					3	10	30	2
	3	1	1					10	15		3
	4		2	1	7					TD	4
	5	1		2	1				TD	INT 34	5
E PARTIAL BLITZ	1	2	1	2	2	2					1
	2	2	1	1	2			2			2
	3	3	2	4	3	1	1		5	33	3
	4	2	1	1		5		OT	OT	OT	4
	5	1	2	1	3					INT 35	5
F FULL BLITZ	1	3	2	3	3	4					1
	2	3	2	2	3					OT	2
	3	6	5	8	7	2	3	OT	OT	37	3
	4	3	2	3	4	8		16			4
	5	2	3		4				TD	INT 30	5

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... Strong running teams are most likely to give the Giants' defense a bad Sunday. The Giants are not able to consistently stop any kind of good rushing attack, whether inside or around the ends. As a result, opposing teams often control the ball for long periods of time, not giving the exciting Giants' offense many opportunities to operate. The defensive line is improving, but still has a long way to go. Meanwhile, the linebacking is inconsistent after many seasons and even more candidates. The secondary, although overworked, stands up as an effective unit, particularly against short and medium passes. Their most apparent failing is the deep play, but even here they compensate with a high rate of interceptions. Much of the blame on the long passes goes to an inconsistent pass rush which frequently gives opposing quarterbacks too much time to spot receivers.

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Offensive Play Chart

new york jets

	RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	B	QT	# ON DICE
10	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	FUM + 6	FUM + 5	FUM + 10	FUM + 16	FUM + 29	48	15*	10
11	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	2*	15	40*	PI 11	29	47	2*	11
12	1	FUM	OFF 5	12	15	12	9*	11	40*	43	1	12
13	FUM	2	FUM	8		QT	8*	INT 12	30	TD	3	13
14	2	2	OFF 15	4	25*	10	7*	INT 17	28*	29		14
15		2	B	3	9	8	5*	19*	PI 31	39	1	15
16	10	11	18*	3	50		30	18	27	29	2	16
17	12	6	10	FUM	OFF 5	OFF 5	OFF 5	OFF 5	OFF 5	50	3	17
18	B	3	15	14	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	52	5	18
19	4	B	9	18	7	25	INT 13	30	37*	60	4	19
20	9	10	6	10	DEF 15	1	12*			45	10*	20
21	8	8	4*	4	5	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	38	8*	21
22		9	2*	3	OFF 15	OFF 15	OFF 15	OFF 15	OFF 15	34	1	22
23	4	3	6*	1	2	2	QT		QT	24	8	23
24	1	7	7	7	10	9		10	21	28	12	24
25	1	5		6	8	8		12*	23	27	11	25
26		2	*	9		6	22*	QT	INT 22	36	6	26
27	1	3	2	1		6		17	QT	37	4	27
28	7	1	3	5	1*	3	11*	21*	QT	40	5	28
29	15	4	1	16	QT	PI 5	14*	25	33*	55	8	29
30	1		13*	5	3	7	25	15	26*	31	2*	30
31	4		1*	B	3	INT 6	20	16	TD	30	7*	31
32	6	5	3*	3	13	7				26	9	32
33	2	4	5*							23	12	33
34	5	3	4	1						21	10	34
35	3	1	2	2						20	11	35
36	3	2	3	4	6	5				25	10	36
37	2	2	1	2	1	4	15*	13		32	FUM −8	37
38	OFF 5	OFF 5	11	OFF 5	20	3	10*	14	25	33	9	38
39	OFF 15	OFF 15	8	OFF 15	4		17*	QT	35*	42	FUM	39

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... The success of the Jets' offense is based on their passing attack. A quarterback with an unusually quick release combined with an offensive line that is among the best in pro football at pass protection means that the Jets rarely lose big yardage by being trapped on passing plays. This protection plus a solid core of receivers enables the Jets to have a very effective long passing game with a good percentage of completions and very few interceptions. They also counter the efforts of opposing defensive lines with effective screen passes. The running attack is not outstanding but does provide effective counters to the passing threat. The Jets make particularly good use of the draw play. The rest of the rushing attack is undistinguished and hampered by the lack of an outside breakaway threat.

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Defensive Play Chart

new york jets

		RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS					
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
DEF. PLAY	# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	# ON DICE
A STANDARD 4-3-4	1	1			1	1				3	1
	2	1	1			2		7			2
	3	1		3		4					3
	4		1				6	20	14		4
	5			2	2		INT 8	QT	INT 15	30	5
B PASS PREVENT 3-5-3	1		3	3	2	2				3	1
	2		1	2		1		5			2
	3		1	4	2	4					3
	4				1	1	6	20			4
	5		2	7	1		INT 7		INT 16		5
C DOUBLE COVERAGE 4-4-3	1		1	1	2	2					1
	2				1	1		6	10	2	2
	3			1		4		5	15		3
	4			2	1	1	6	20	QT	40	4
	5	1	2				INT 6	QT	INT 14	QT	5
D SHORT YARDAGE 6-1-4 or 7-1-3	1	2	1					17	15		1
	2	1	1		1			10	10	32	2
	3	3	2	3		4					3
	4	2	3					QT	QT	TD	4
	5			2	3		INT 6			QT	5
E PARTIAL BLITZ	1		1	2	3	2				3	1
	2			1	1			7	4		2
	3	4	3	1	4	4	1		QT	QT	3
	4	1				3	QT	QT	13	28	4
	5	1	1	3	1		INT 5	20	19		5
F FULL BLITZ	1	1	2	3	4					3	1
	2		1	2	2	4		8	QT	QT	2
	3	6	6	5	8	4	3	QT	18		3
	4	2	1	4	4	10	QT	20		33	4
	5	4	2	4		12	INT 5	18		TD	5

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SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... The outstanding feature of the Jets' defense is a very good pass rush by the front four. This pressure on opposing quarterbacks enables the Jets' linebackers and defensive backs to intercept many opposing short and medium range passes. The New York secondary, however, has basic weaknesses and when opposing passers have sufficient time, their completion record against the Jets can be very good, particularly on medium and long passes. The Jets' experienced linebackers do a very good job in picking up the screen pass and holding this play to short yardage. The strong Jet line is usually successful at stopping line plunges and off tackle plays, but the Jets' defensive unit is often vulnerable against the end run and the draw play.

Offensive Play Chart

oakland raiders

	RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	B	QT	# ON DICE
10	13	10	8	11	14	PI 8	PI 14	PI 16	20	47	6*	10
11	15	9	4*	9	2	13		22*	INT 22	46	4*	11
12	8	7	B	7	13*		18	18	28	45	4	12
13	3	8	FUM	2	12	3	12*	10	OFF 15	44	4	13
14	10	9	15	12	9*	10	7*	19*	50	43	3	14
15	6	14	13*	8	8	2	20	17*	43*	42	3	15
16	2	6	7*	2	*	QT	10*	QT	30*	39	3	16
17	OFF 15	16	5	OFF 15	QT	9	11*	10	PI 25	38	4	17
18	FUM	3	17*	FUM	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	37	7	18
19	18	12	18	10	INT 2		INT 19	TD	36	41	8	19
20	3	2	3	2	2	1	17	QT	26	36	2*	20
21		3	10	4	10	1	15*	11	39*	40	2*	21
22	7	6	OFF 15	6	OFF 15	4	QT	12		50	6	22
23	4	5	6	3	11		DEF 15	DEF 15		55	5	23
24	4	4	4*	4	7	9		16*	TD	TD	7	24
25	1	4	3	3	5	8		15	21	35	11	25
26		7	11*	5	DEF 15	DEF 15	OFF 15	OFF 15	24*	48	1	26
27		1	9*		6		13		33	34	2	27
28	1	FUM	OFF 5	2	3	INT 4	13*		22	32	5	28
29	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	FUM + 10	FUM + 6	FUM +15	FUM + 16	FUM + 25	33	FUM −2	29
30	2	OFF 15	8	3	4		14*		INT 30	29	*	30
31	3	3	7*	1	4	6	16*		INT 40	28	4*	31
32	3	2	2	1	1	5		14		30	12	32
33	3	2		1		7			QT	27	1	33
34	5	1	5							23	8	34
35	2		1*	2	4					21	9	35
36	2	3	2		5			13		25	13	36
37	1	1	1	5	3	OFF 15	23*		DEF 15	24	3	37
38	OFF 5	OFF 5	2	OFF 5	8	INT 9	4*	INT 12	PI 35	20	2	38
39	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	OFF 5	OFF 5	OFF 5	OFF 5	OFF 5	26	5	39

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SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... Oakland's offense is sparked by an explosive passing attack based on excellent pass protection, two outstanding deep receivers, and a quarterback who likes to throw medium and long range passes. The one weakness of this attack is that the Raiders often force the long pass with the result that they are frequently intercepted. Oakland seldom relies on short or screen passes and is not very successful when attempting these plays. The Raider running attack, which used to be very strong, has fallen off somewhat and is now merely satisfactory. Their best rushing gains come from end runs and off tackle plays and they have only sporadic success running through the middle. Overall, the main strength of the Raider offense is their pass protection which is the best in pro football.

Defensive Play Chart

oakland raiders

		RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS					
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
DEF. PLAY	# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	# ON DICE
A STANDARD 4-3-4	1			2		1					1
	2			1		2					2
	3			1							3
	4	1	2		1		12				4
	5	1		1							5
B PASS PREVENT 3-5-3	1	1	3	1	1	2					1
	2		2			1					2
	3	2	1	1	2						3
	4		2		1		12				4
	5		5	2							5
C DOUBLE COVERAGE 4-4-3	1	1		3		2					1
	2	1		1		1		5	6		2
	3	1		3			4				3
	4		2	2	2					33	4
	5			1	2			QT			5
D SHORT YARDAGE 6-1-4 or 7-1-3	1	1	1	1							1
	2	1		2				5	9		2
	3	2	2					10	15	30	3
	4	1		3	1		12	QT			4
	5	1		2	1				TD	TD	5
E PARTIAL BLITZ	1	1	1		2	2					1
	2	1	1		1				7		2
	3	3	3	5	4			3	QT	QT	3
	4	1	3		1	6	15	QT			4
	5	1	1		1				20	35	5
F FULL BLITZ	1	2	2		3	2		QT	QT	QT	1
	2	2	2	1	2						2
	3	6	6	7	8						3
	4		4	2	3	16	15			32	4
	5	2	2	1	2	12	18	17	TD	TD	5

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SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... Oakland's defense is led by an outstanding secondary. The Raiders are spectacularly successful at preventing their opponents from completing short passes, although by gambling on defense they sometimes give up additional yardage when a short pass is completed. Aided by an effective pass rush, their defense against medium and long passes is consistently good. The Raiders' strength against rushing is their ability to stop opposing end runs. The best way to gain on the ground against Oakland is to run at their tackles. Draw plays can also be effective on occasion. The success of the Raider defense against passing and against outside rushing makes it very difficult to gain large chunks of yardage and score quickly against them.

Offensive Play Chart

philadelphia eagles

	RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	B	QT	# ON DICE
10	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 5	DEF 15	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	53		10
11	OFF 15	OFF 5	OFF 5	OFF 15	OFF 5	OFF 5	19*	25*	OFF 5	60	5	11
12	OFF 5	1	FUM	OFF 5	OFF 15	OFF 15	OFF 5	INT 12	OFF 15	46	9	12
13	FUM	OFF 15	B	FUM	QT	QT	DEF 15	10	23	45	1*	13
14	1	11	14	5	3	11	OFF 15	12	26	44	7*	14
15	2	9	11*	3	2	10	30	11	24	42	6*	15
16	13	13	2*	15	6	2	7*	18*	20	48	10	16
17	B	B	16*	17	25*	PI 8	16*	19*	PI 33	55	8	17
18	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 15	DEF 15	17*	30*	DEF 15	57	12	18
19	15	3	8	12	INT –2	15	PI 14	PI 15	QT	58	2	19
20	10	10	2*	2	4*	1	INT 16	OFF 5	50	33	3	20
21	8	7	9*	10	1	9	27	DEF 15	32*	36	3*	21
22	6	1	OFF 15	1		INT 4	14*	OFF 15		30	12*	22
23		5	6	5	8	3	22*		INT 24	27	14	23
24	2	2	5*	4	11	4		16	QT	26	13	24
25	2	2	3	3	9	5		13	QT	25	6	25
26	1	1	2		16		QT	QT		TD	11	26
27	7	2	8*	1	5	8	24*	QT		34	2	27
28		1	3	1	4*	13	QT	17*	INT 43	32	8*	28
29	18	FUM	18	9	30	FUM + 6	FUM +12	FUM + 14	FUM + 35	52	3	29
30	6	2	4*	2	2	8	12	14	28*	40	16*	30
31	5	2	2*	2	FUM + 7	7		INT 17	TD	29	10	31
32	5	3	4	8	13	6				24	FUM –10	32
33	1	6	7*	6	7					23	7	33
34	1	4	1	2						22	9	34
35	3			7						21	8	35
36	4	3	1	1		6				20	5	36
37	4	1	2	B	6	7	10*		21	28	15	37
38	3	1	6	3		9	11*	15	38*	38	4	38
39	3	16	4*	4	20*		9*	20*	43*	50	9*	39

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SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... The Eagles' offense rests on the heavy legs of their big runners. Theirs is a foot slogging approach. This isn't out of choice but out of necessity. The strong backs run effectively through the middle of the line or off tackle but lack the speed to turn the ends. This straight ahead tactic has its limitations. Unfortunately, the offense has few alternatives. The draw and the screen are two at which the Eagles are successful. The passing, at its best, is ordinary and lacks the consistency to loosen up tight defenses. The real weakness is in the medium zone — short or deep are the preferred patterns. The difficulty is not with the protection or the wide receivers but with the passers who seem to have a tendency to force the play instead of picking up a secondary receiver. Also, the lack of backfield speed prevents the Eagles from having the balanced attack necessary to move the ball consistently.

philadelphia eagles

Defensive Play Chart

		RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS					
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
DEF. PLAY	# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	# ON DICE
A STANDARD 4-3-4	1			1		1				3	1
	2			1		1					2
	3	1		1	1	1					3
	4				4	4				38	4
	5			1	1		4		14	37	5
B PASS PREVENT 3-5-3	1	1	2	4	1	2				3	1
	2		3	2							2
	3	1	1	2		2					3
	4	2	1			4					4
	5		3	6	2		4				5
C DOUBLE COVERAGE 4-4-3	1	1				2				3	1
	2	1						5	10		2
	3				2	2				37	3
	4	1		1	1	4		15	17		4
	5	1			1		4		14		5
D SHORT YARDAGE 6-1-4 or 7-1-3	1	1		2						32	1
	2		1		1			5	10	3	2
	3	3	2	1	2			12	16		3
	4	2	2		3	4				TD	4
	5		1		2		4		TD		5
E PARTIAL BLITZ	1	1	1	3	2	2				2	1
	2	1	1	2	1						2
	3	4	3	3	5	1		5	6	30	3
	4	1	1		4	7	3		QT	QT	4
	5	1	1	2			4	QT	20		5
F FULL BLITZ	1	2	2	4	3	4					1
	2	2	2	3	1						2
	3	7	6	7	9	2		QT	18	QT	3
	4	2	2	4		10	9	18	QT	TD	4
	5	2	2	3	1		4			37	5

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... The Eagles' defense depends as much on coordination as it does on talent. Frequently, the Eagles suffer breaddowns. Part of this is due to injuries and a constant influx of new players, particularly in the secondary. The backs sometimes lack an awareness of what the other guy is doing, and the effect is a porous pass coverage. All too often, defenders are alone covering the long receiver and this is a dangerous failing for a team that is vulnerable to the long pass. Overall, the pass defense is poor. The line contributes to this weakness by not being able to produce a consistently effective pass rush. However, there is some improvement in covering the shorter range areas. The Eagles have better success containing inside running plays and are quick to recognize the draw. Once again, however, coordination failures are critical on the end run. But the problem here is as much a lack of mobility in the defensive line as it is a poor awareness of play development.

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Offensive Play Chart

pittsburgh steelers

	RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	B	QT	# ON DICE
10	DEF 5	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 5	5	PI 7	OFF 15	30*	DEF 15	50	1*	10
11	DEF 15	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 15	DEF 5	DEF 5	17*	OFF 15	PI 37	48	8*	11
12	9	6	OFF 15	6	15*	DEF 15	OFF 5	DEF 15	OFF 5	46	14	12
13	7	7	2	2	DEF 15	10	DEF 5	OFF 5	OFF 15	39	14	13
14	8	4	6	6	8	9	DEF 15	12	INT 32	TD	13	14
15	1	3	1	6	5	8	6*	11	35	38	17	15
16	2	3	B	5	12	1	16	DEF 5	24*	44	4	16
17	6	1	4*	15	18	11	20*	19	28	47	5	17
18	OFF 15	OFF 15	18	OFF 15	20		15*	25*	50	55	9	18
19	B	B	1*	B	INT − 1	17	PI 13	PI 16	55*	60	25*	19
20	FUM	8	1*	FUM	10*	4	13*	18*	26*	40	10	20
21	OFF 5	12	FUM	OFF 5	4*	8	12*	14	22	37	2	21
22	1	9	OFF 5	1	2	2		16*	QT	29	8*	22
23	4	FUM	3	10	1	7	18		QT	27	12	23
24	5	3		9		6	QT	QT	QT	26	11	24
25		4	10*	8	6	5	QT	QT	QT	25	10	25
26			9		3	7	QT	QT	QT	32	FUM − 2	26
27	14		*	8	3	8	10*	13	23	34	FUM − 8	27
28	11	2	14*	4	9	9	8*	17	QT	42	6	28
29	17	10	16*	18	FUM + 5	FUM + 8	FUM + 18	FUM + 15	FUM + 22	33	12	29
30	1	4	5	6	OFF 5	OFF 5	7*	INT 11	INT 25	35	7*	30
31	4	OFF 5	8	7	OFF 15	OFF 15			DEF 5	30	2*	31
32	3	2	4*	5	QT	QT		INT 16		24	7	32
33	2	1	6	3	4	3				23	1	33
34	2	1	2*	4						22	5	34
35	1	2	1	2						21	9	35
36	3	5	3	1	2					20	4	36
37	1	5	7*	7	7	INT 6		15	21	28	3	37
38	1	4	11*	3	1			10	45*	36	6	38
39	2	15	12	12	25	14	19*	20*	TD	43	20	39

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SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... There's plenty of room for improvement in Pittsburgh's passing offense. The Steelers are ineffective on sideline medium range passes and just barely respectable passing short. Pittsburgh is severely handicapped by the unusual proportion of their medium range passes which result in both interceptions and incompletions. The problem is complex. Pass protection frequently breaks down and the Steelers also badly need a strong tight end. The running backs run hard but they are not fast and the Steelers often appear to be returning to the old days of pro football, as the powerful backs are sent off tackle and up the middle. However, the offensive line does not provide the support necessary for this type of offense to be successful. The strong backs give the Steelers an effective draw play when the opposition concentrates on pass defense.

Defensive Play Chart

pittsburgh steelers

		RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS					
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
DEF. PLAY	# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	# ON DICE
A STANDARD 4-3-4	1			1							1
	2	1			2						2
	3					11					3
	4	2		1					14		4
	5		1	2						INT 31	5
B PASS PREVENT 3-5-3	1		3	2							1
	2		2	2							2
	3	2	1	1	1	10					3
	4				1						4
	5	1	4		2				INT 17	INT 34	5
C DOUBLE COVERAGE 4-4-3	1	1		2	1						1
	2							5	10		2
	3			2	1	10					3
	4	2		3				15	17	40	4
	5	1	1	2	1				20	INT 28	5
D SHORT YARDAGE 6-1-4 or 7-1-3	1	1	1								1
	2			1	3			5	10		2
	3	2	2		1	15		12	15	30	3
	4	4	2	2	7				16	TD	4
	5		1		1				TD	INT 30	5
E PARTIAL BLITZ	1	1	1	1	2	2					1
	2		1	1	1						2
	3	3	3	4	4	16		5	14		3
	4	1	1	1		3	3	QT	QT		4
	5	1		1	1			18	INT 15	QT	5
F FULL BLITZ	1	2	2	2	3	4					1
	2	1	2	2							2
	3	6	6	8	8	17	3	QT	17	QT	3
	4		2	3	4	6		18	QT	35	4
	5	2	1		2				INT 14		5

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SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... Traditionally, Pittsburgh's defense is rugged, and for weeks after a game, opposing players feel the aches and pains of a Steeler contest. The front four make ball carrying a dangerous assignment against the Steelers, and the line is generally deadly against running plays, either inside or around end. It is on pass coverage that the defense falls down. The secondary is often fooled by the screen and confused by crossing patterns. Pittsburgh allows more yardage on screen passes than any other team in pro football. Despite the occasional mix-up of assignments, the Steelers have a good record against the long pass and add gloss to their statistics with an impressive frequency of interceptions. This effectiveness against the long pass does not carry over into the medium area and this has not gone unnoticed by the opposition, which often exploits this zone.

Offensive Play Chart

St. Louis Cardinals

	RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	B	QT	# ON DICE
10	DEF 15	DEF 5	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	52	20	10
11	OFF 15	DEF 15	DEF 5	OFF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	OFF 5	OFF 5	OFF 5	24	15	11
12	14	OFF 5	OFF 15	3	25	15	8*	19*	OFF 15	47	10	12
13	OFF 5	1	10	OFF 5	8	QT	25	18	23	45	10*	13
14	12	2	13*	1	5*	9	20	16*	22	48	9*	14
15	2	2	8*	17	2	9	18*	15	20	46	8*	15
16	9	OFF 15	7	1	30*	10	9*	12*	45*	43	6	16
17	10	15	17*	10	OFF 15	OFF 15	5	PI 11	24	50	4	17
18	B	9	B	5	OFF 5	OFF 5	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	60	2	18
19	1	B	2*		INT – 5	PI 5	PI 13	30	40*	57	5	19
20	8	10	2*	8	1	8	7*	25*	50*	49	*	20
21	3	7	2*	15	8*	9	INT 20	14	TD	44	2	21
22	FUM	5	*	12		6			PI 23	28	5	22
23	1	6	9*	FUM	12	2		INT 12	QT	27	4	23
24	3	8	OFF 5	6	10	3			QT	39	7	24
25	3	4		5		4	QT	QT		36	6	25
26	6		1	B		6	16*			23	FUM – 5	26
27	2		3*	2	7	7	10*	13	35*	TD	3	27
28	2	FUM	FUM		QT	10	6*	20*	32*	41	11*	28
29	DEF 5	4	6	DEF 5	FUM + 6	FUM + 8	FUM + 16	FUM + 15	FUM + 32	55	8*	29
30	2	2	5	2	4		OFF 15	OFF 15	INT 24	42	15	30
31	7	1	6*	4	14	INT 7		12	INT 38	26	14*	31
32	2	1	2	4	5	7				33	9	32
33	1	3	3	1	6	8				25	12	33
34	5	5	4	1						22	11	34
35		3	5	3	1					20	10	35
36	4	2	1	2	2	5				30	8	36
37	1	4	4*	5	16	5	14*	11	28	29	13	37
38	4	3	1*	7	3	1	12	17	26	40	1	38
39	1	2	1*		20		4*	10	38	21	1*	39

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SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... The Cardinals have the talent to move the ball but a succession of injuries has limited the precision of their plays. At their best, the running backs enable St. Louis to control the ball for long periods of time. Quick and strong, the big backs plunge through the line effectively, but lack the speed to consistently turn the ends. The line, too, has been hit by injuries which seriously effect the timing of the plays. Yet the pass protection is good. The quarterback has a wide choice of receivers. Overall, the Cardinals' passing is sound without being brilliant. They are capable of hitting the short passes which tactically improves the chances of the running game. Unfortunately, they fail to complete medium and long passes with any consistency.

Defensive Play Chart

st. louis cardinals

		RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS					
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
DEF. PLAY	# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	# ON DICE
A STANDARD 4-3-4	1				1			5			1
	2		1	1							2
	3					4	4				3
	4	1	1	2	1				14		4
	5	1	1						13	35	5
B PASS PREVENT 3-5-3	1	1	3	3	2			5			1
	2		1	1							2
	3	2	1		2	3					3
	4			1	3		4				4
	5	2	1	5							5
C DOUBLE COVERAGE 4-4-3	1		1	1				5			1
	2	1		1				5	10		2
	3	2		2	1	3			16		3
	4	1	1	4	2			20		40	4
	5									35	5
D SHORT YARDAGE 6-1-4 or 7-1-3	1	1	1	1	1			5	16		1
	2		1		1			5	10	28	2
	3	2	2		1	8		17			3
	4	3	3	1	8					TD	4
	5	1	1	2	1				TD		5
E PARTIAL BLITZ	1	1	1	2	3	2		5			1
	2	1			1						2
	3	3	3	4	4	10	2	5	5		3
	4			2	1		4		20	OT	4
	5			1	1			OT	OT	34	5
F FULL BLITZ	1	2	2	3	4	4		5			1
	2	2	1	1	2						2
	3	6	6	8	8	12	4		15	OT	3
	4	1	1	2	5		6	OT	OT	40	4
	5	1	1	2	2			19		TD	5

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SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... Defensively, the Cardinals are a stunting and blitzing team. They depend upon deception and a variety of blitzes to disrupt the offense, all of which increases the burden on the linebackers who, when healthy, are up to the task. Everyone has a chance at the opposing quarterback in the St. Louis system, and often the safety blitz is called. Despite the emphasis on pressure, or perhaps because of it, defense against running plays, particularly outside runs, has been more effective than that against passes. The emphasis on cleverness and guile is to make up for what is basically a very weak pass rush and overall pass defense. The most severe weakness in the secondary is against medium range passes but this is just one of the many trouble spots, and teams find that it is easier to pick apart the secondary than it is to run against the defensive line.

Offensive Play Chart

san diego chargers

	RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	B	QT	# ON DICE
10	B		18	5	5	1	50*		38	45	15*	10
11	10	B	12	9	10	PI 4	16*	20	PI 22	48	3*	11
12	15	12	14*	2	QT	PI 9	15*	16*	PI 30	42	5	12
13	OFF 5	OFF 5	OFF 5	OFF 5	9*	QT	13*	18	INT 30	29	1	13
14	12	1	B	15	8		14	10	INT 44	55	2	14
15	4	10	15*	12	7*		DEF 15	DEF 15	32	50	2	15
16	13	2	7	7	DEF 15	DEF 15	PI 12	PI 13	DEF 15	40	1	16
17	OFF 15	OFF 15	OFF 15	OFF 15	OFF 5	OFF 5	OFF 5	OFF 5	OFF 5	46		17
18	9	4	2	3	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	43	6	18
19	7	18	5	11	INT 2	INT 2	INT 12		55	47	10	19
20	3	2	4*	4	QT	8		19	TD	28	2*	20
21	3	9	11	3		12	5*	QT	42*	30	12*	21
22	6		7	2		10	40		35*	28	4	22
23	1	7	4*	3	3	6		14	23	33	12	23
24		2	9	1		9		13*	QT	TD	13	24
25		2	1		3			12	QT	26	5	25
26	3	8	6*	7	FUM – 5	INT 7	12*	11	QT	27	6	26
27	3	6	8	8	4*		QT	17*	29	38	14	27
28	FUM		FUM	FUM	OFF 15	OFF 15	7*	15	OFF 15	27	9	28
29	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	6	FUM + 5	FUM + 10	FUM + 16	FUM + 28	41	7	29
30	2	6	2*	5	5	2	OFF 15	OFF 15	26	36	8*	30
31	1	2	3	B		3	18*	INT 16		23	3*	31
32	4	1	5	1	1	8	QT	QT		25	9	32
33	2	4	1	3	2	7				24	7	33
34	2	5	3*	10	3					21	10	34
35	1	3	2	4	2					20	8	35
36	1	1	*	2	2					22	8	36
37	5	FUM	10*	6	1	4				23	FUM – 5	37
38	4		3	5	6	5			21	29	4	38
39	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	4	QT	11*		50*	44	3	39

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SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... San Diego is plagued by an erratic offense. Despite one great receiver and pretty good pass protection, the passing attack is spotty because of erratic quarterbacking and a lack of depth in receivers. The Chargers are able to complete a respectable proportion of their long pass attempts, but have a poor record on short and medium range passes and the worst record in pro football on screen pass attempts. San Diego's running game is equally inconsistent. They use the draw play very successfully and make frequent gains around end. They also gain ground off tackle but fumble frequently on this play. Another weakness of the Charger offense is their inability to pick up crucial short yardage through the middle of the line.

Defensive Play Chart

san diego chargers

		RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS					
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
DEF. PLAY	# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	# ON DICE
A STANDARD 4-3-4	1			1	1	1	5				1
	2		1	1		1					2
	3				1	1					3
	4			2	1				15	INT 35	4
	5								14	35	5
B PASS PREVENT 3-5-3	1		3	4		2	6				1
	2		1	3							2
	3	1	1	1	1	2					3
	4	1		2	1					INT 30	4
	5		5	5						32	5
C DOUBLE COVERAGE 4-4-3	1					2					1
	2				2			5	6		2
	3	1	1	1		2			16		3
	4	1					6	15			4
	5		2							INT 40	5
D SHORT YARDAGE 6-1-4 or 7-1-3	1	1	1	1	1						1
	2		1	1	1			5	10		2
	3	2	2		2		5	12	15	30	3
	4	2	2	1	6				14		4
	5			1	1				TD		5
E PARTIAL BLITZ	1	1	1	3	1	2	5				1
	2	1		2	1	1					2
	3	3	3	4	7			5	5		3
	4	1	1	2	1	3	3	QT	16	QT	4
	5	1	1	1	1			18	QT	INT 30	5
F FULL BLITZ	1	2	2	4		2	4				1
	2	2	1	3	1						2
	3	6	6	8	8	2	1	QT	14		3
	4	2	2	6	1	10	6	18	QT	QT	4
	5	2	2	2	3	12		16		INT 30	5

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SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... San Diego's defense is anchored by a huge but fairly slow front line. These front four are effective against inside rushing attempts, especially the draw play, but are vulnerable against the end run. Their lack of mobility to provide an effective pass rush puts a lot of pressure on the talented Charger defensive backs. The backs react to this pressure by concentrating on deep defense. As a result, the Chargers have a good record against the long pass, with many incompletions and frequent interceptions. They are, however, often wide open to a short and medium range passing attack.

Offensive Play Chart

San Francisco 49ers

	RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	B	QT	# ON DICE
10	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	47		10
11	OFF 15	DEF 5	B	OFF 15	16	OFF 15	5*	DEF 15	OFF 15	56	1*	11
12	FUM	1	OFF 15	FUM	25	7	DEF 15	18	PI 23	48	7	12
13	7	3	2	12	QT	QT	OFF 5	17*	24	50	2	13
14	2	1	5	4	7	7	15*	PI 14	TD	46	9	14
15	2	3	5*	3	9	1	14	INT 11	35	44	8	15
16	2	4	FUM	3	30*		13*	19*	38*	52	4	16
17	B	B	10*	4	15	1	9*	20*	21	54	5	17
18	DEF 5	13	DEF 5	DEF 5	DEF 5	30	4*	27*	DEF 15	43	12*	18
19	18	6	16	B	40	PI 8	PI 13	30	60	60	20	19
20	2	8	9*	13	20*	7	6*	10	50*	45	15*	20
21	1	3	1*	2	OFF 5	DEF 15	16	OFF 15	32	42	6*	21
22	OFF 5	7	8	OFF 5	18	OFF 5	OFF 15	OFF 5	INT 37	24	2	22
23	2	OFF 15	3*	9	OFF 15		10*	13	OFF 5	23	FUM −10	23
24	1	5		8	1	6	QT	12	22	22	7	24
25	4	3	1	7		4		11	QT	TD	6	25
26	4	6	12*	1	5	INT 7		QT	QT	34	5*	26
27	8	1	1	2	4*	7	8*	16*	QT	38	4	27
28	10	2	2*	10	INT −4	5	QT		27	37	1	28
29	9	3	13	11	FUM + 8	FUM + 7	FUM +15	FUM + 16	FUM + 33	58	14	29
30	2	3	4*	1	5	6	7*	INT 17	44*	36	8*	30
31	2	OFF 5	OFF 5	1		3	11*	QT	INT 25	32	13*	31
32	6	2	7*	6	6	8				21	8	32
33	1		6	5	8	9				29	9	33
34	3	4	2	3						27	11	34
35	3	1	4	4	3					25	10	35
36	5	2	3*	2	10	5				20	5	36
37		FUM	11		3	2	12*	14		30	12	37
38	2		4*		2	10	18	15		40	3	38
39	12	10	5	15	12*	12	23	24*	47	28	10	39

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... San Francisco is always hopeful but it's been a long wait for a championship team. There's always something missing and most of all, it's consistency. The passing game is sound, the passers strong, the receivers capable and the protection good. The one obvious fault is the tendency to force the long play and chance an interception which stalls the momentum. Then, too, there is an over reliance on the pass, although the Forty-Niners have strong runners for inside plays. However, they lack an outside or breakaway running threat and this enables the defense to concentrate on pass coverage and tends to make San Francisco predictable in critical situations. An addition of a fast man as an added deep receiver could turn the offensive picture around completely and make the Forty-Niners one of the league's most dangerous teams.

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Defensive Play Chart

san francisco 49ers

		RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS					
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
DEF. PLAY	# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	# ON DICE
A STANDARD 4-3-4	1	1									1
	2										2
	3	1			1						3
	4	1	1	2							4
	5			2		3					5
B PASS PREVENT 3-5-3	1	2	3	3	1						1
	2		2	2							2
	3	3	1		1						3
	4	3		1	2						4
	5		2	3		6			INT 16		5
C DOUBLE COVERAGE 4-4-3	1	3		1							1
	2	1		1				5	10		2
	3	1		2							3
	4	1		1	3			15	17	38	4
	5	1	3			6					5
D SHORT YARDAGE 6-1-4 or 7-1-3	1		1								1
	2				1			5	10		2
	3	1	2	1	2	4		12	15	30	3
	4	1	3		7					TD	4
	5				1				TD		5
E PARTIAL BLITZ	1	2	1	2	2	2					1
	2	1	1	1	1						2
	3	2	3	4	5	6		5	5		3
	4	2		2			3	QT	QT	QT	4
	5	1	1	1	1				20	33	5
F FULL BLITZ	1	3	2	3	3	4					1
	2	2	2	2	2						2
	3	5	6	8	9	8	3	QT	QT	QT	3
	4	3	1	2	4			18	20	35	4
	5	2	2		2				TD	TD	5

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SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... San Francisco's defense is capable without being outstanding. It is on crucial third down plays where the defense falters. Invariably, they will give up short yardage against a line plunge or a slant, and in some cases, miss the screen. The ability of opposing teams to gain crucial yardage through the middle of the line particularly hurts the Forty-Niners. The cornerbacks and the outside linebackers cover the flat and short pass areas sharply, but usually the secondary is less successful in covering deep. An improved pass rush would appreciably help the pass coverage. In general, the words "average" and "ordinary" best characterize the San Francisco defense, and teams with average defenses don't win championships. Ultimately, it is the defense which must bear the responsibility of the Forty-Niners' recent failures to win at least a divisional title.

Offensive Play Chart

washington redskins

	RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	B	QT	# ON DICE
10	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	DEF 15	FUM +7	FUM +8	FUM + 14	FUM + 18	FUM + 27	60	25*	10
11		7	5	17	DEF 5	DEF 5	19	25*	DEF 5	54	15*	11
12	OFF 15	DEF 5	OFF 15	OFF 15	18*	PI 6	DEF 15	DEF 5	25	45		12
13	2	OFF 15	DEF 5	12	OFF 15	OFF 15	OFF 15	OFF 5	21	50	8	13
14	1	8	4*	B	12*	INT 5	21*	DEF 15	DEF 15	44	5	14
15	3	5	4*	4	10	8	23	OFF 15	OFF 15	38	10*	15
16	12	7	14*	5	15	5	DEF 5	INT 16	35*	49	2	16
17	13	16	17*	13	DEF 15	DEF 15	17*	13*	44*	52	17	17
18	15	7	10	3	21*	14	35	PI 12	PI 25	35	30	18
19	B	B	4	15	INT – 4		PI 16	30	20	55	40	19
20	11	10	12	3	25	1	5	14	QT	47	10*	20
21	7	5	4	DEF 5	5	8	10*	19*	INT 41	36	9*	21
22	DEF 5	OFF 5	OFF 5	OFF 5	4	2	18	17	OFF 5	24	2	22
23		9	B	2	3	7	13*	15*	INT 26	20	5	23
24		2	1	5	8	3	12*	18	QT	29	7	24
25	4	2	3*	7	2	6		10	QT	28	6	25
26	FUM	FUM		FUM		10	9*		22	40	3	26
27	6	6	FUM	10	6	7	8*		27*	34	8*	27
28	8	2	11*	2	9*	12	14*	13	29*	42	12	28
29	10	4	10	19	23	17	30*	14*	50	58	20	29
30	4		7*	9	4	8	15*	12	23	32	14*	30
31	OFF 5	1	6*		QT	QT	OFF 5	16	TD	22	13	31
32	3		2*	3		6				26	12	32
33	1	1	1	4		5				25	10	33
34	1	3	5	2	7	4				23	9	34
35	2	3	2	1	3					21	8	35
36	5	4	3	6	1		QT	QT		27	11	36
37	2	1	1*	1	1	9	QT	QT	QT	TD	4	37
38	3	4	8*	8	6	8	16*	11		30	1	38
39	3	12	9	11	OFF 5	OFF 5		20*	24	56	FUM – 8	39

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... In recent years, Washington has relied almost entirely on the pass. This has changed. Ball carrying is back in fashion. However, it is still not the Redskins primary interest. But for a change, the team is a threat off tackle or around end. They lack the big strong fullback for the line plunge, but as a result of clever ball handling and disciplined fakes, the draw is effective. The passing, as usual, is excellent and at short flairs and sideline passes, the Redskins are at their best. The improvement of the running has made short passes to backs swinging out of the backfield an effective play. Unlike past years, the long touchdown pass is not the team's most feared maneuver. Either through overuse or the aging of the receivers, the long pass has become a treacherous play. All too often, instead of a touchdown, they are intercepted.

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Defensive Play Chart

washington redskins

		RUNNING PLAYS				PASSING PLAYS					
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
DEF. PLAY	# ON DICE	LINE PLUNGE	OFF TACKLE	END RUN	DRAW	SCREEN	SHORT	SIDE-LINE	MED.	LONG	# ON DICE
A STANDARD 4-3-4	1	1	1	1		1				4	1
	2					4					2
	3	1	1	1	1	3					3
	4			1	4		6				4
	5		1		2						5
B PASS PREVENT 3-5-3	1	2	4	4	1	2				4	1
	2		2	2		3					2
	3	3	2	2	2	4					3
	4	2		1	6		6				4
	5		6	5	2						5
C DOUBLE COVERAGE 4-4-3	1					2				4	1
	2	2	2			3		5	10		2
	3	3		1	2	4					3
	4	2		1	1			15			4
	5	2			2					40	5
D SHORT YARDAGE 6-1-4 or 7-1-3	1			1						4	1
	2			1	1	3		5	10		2
	3	1	1			2		12	15	30	3
	4	2	1		11						4
	5		2	1	1						5
E PARTIAL BLITZ	1	2	2	3	2	2				4	1
	2	1	1	1	1						2
	3	2	2	3	3	1	1	5			3
	4	1	1	1	1	3	6		QT	QT	4
	5	1	2	1	3			QT			5
F FULL BLITZ	1	3	3	4	3	4				4	1
	2	2	2	2	2						2
	3	5	5	7	7	1	3	QT		QT	3
	4	2	2	5	8	9	6	18	QT		4
	5	2	3	2	4				TD	TD	5

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ANALYSIS... The Redskins' pass coverage is good. It would be even better if the rush were stronger. The lack of pressure often forces the secondary into isolated coverage on fast, elusive receivers. Despite this, the Redskins have been successful at defending against the deep pass. They are not nearly as effective on shorter range plays. Part of the blame belongs to the linebacking, which has too much responsibility since they must also compensate for a front line that is mediocre on the pass rush and very poor against running plays. In fact, most teams find it easier to exploit the Redskins' defense by running for first downs rather than passing. It is the cornerbacks and the safeties that bare the brunt of this defensive muddle; to protect against the long pass, they have to fall off on the shorter coverage.

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